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## FIGHT WITH PIRATES AT SEA.

## THRILLING STORIES TOLD BY SURVIVORS.

## WOUNDED CHINESE ARRIVE BACK AT HONGKONG.

## TWO JUNKS VICTIMISED.

Two thrilling stories of the depredations of pirates in the South China waters come to hand to-day by the return here of the crews of two junks, among them being several wounded men who had to be taken to hospital.

In one case, a fishing junk was attacked at sea by a pirate craft, and in order to effect a boarding on their victims' boat, the marauders threw "bombs" (thought to be sticks of dynamite) on board. The fishermen put up a fight, but were wounded and overpowered and later saw the pirates sail away with stolen booty, including three cannon.

In the other case, a junk was twice pirated, being visited by two different gangs of pirates, one of whom stole, among other things, the junk's ears. When the weather became worse later, the junk crew had to cut away the mast, and were drifting out to the open sea when picked up by the s.s. Solviken, which brought them back to Hongkong.

## RESCUE BY THE S.S. SOLVIKEN.

An amazing story of being return to Hoi Mun, but still more twice pirated on a voyage from misfortune was in store for them. Chinese territory, afterwards be. On October 3, off a place forced to abandon their junk called Hoi Fung, a strong wind which was drifting out to open sprang up and the crew found it difficult to control their boat, because one of the pirates' gangs had taken the ears with them. Eventually they were in such danger that they had to cut the masts down to prevent the boat from capsizing. Deprived of guidance the boat began to drift towards the open sea. At last the s.s. Solviken was sighted and in response to signals for help she approached the helpless boat and took the occupants on board. The Solviken then proceeded on her voyage to Saigon, and returned to Hongkong yesterday evening, bringing the unfortunate people with her, when they were turned over to the police.

The master of the junk, Lam En, states that his boat is a Hoklo fishing junk, unnumbered, of 50 piculs capacity, and carried a crew of four including himself. They left Hoi Mun, Chiu Yeung district at two o'clock on the afternoon of October 5, bound for Hongkong. At the time four men were being carried as passengers.

They arrived at a place called Kit Shek Bay at noon on October 8. They remained there all night and at three o'clock on the afternoon of the following day, when everybody on board was asleep in the hold, with the exception of the master who was smoking on deck, a small Hoklo boat came alongside, and five men came on board. One of these men carried a revolver and a knife, and threatened the master if he did not keep quiet. The other men carried revolvers.

They then drove the master into the hold with the others who were sleeping there, and two of the pirates followed him into the hold and searched the passengers. They stole about \$200 in Chinese silver money and \$6 in Chinese money from the master.

They remained on board for about half an hour, after which they went ashore at Kit Shek.

### Second Raid.

When they were once more the occupants of the boat decided to continue on their voyage to Hongkong and all went well until the afternoon of October 12 when the boat was off Ping Hoi. A sampan was seen to be about 40 yards away, and shouting to the junk's head to the south-west in the hope of getting away into the fairway used by other vessels. The pirates followed the boat and hurled two bombs at it (thought to be sticks of dynamite) and eventually managed to board the fisherman, the fourth being unarmed. On coming on board, the man with the dagger stabbed one of the folk in the arm, apparently for no particular reason.

These men went through much the same procedure, as the previous gang, driving the occupants into the hold. At these people had already been robbed, the pirates confined their attention to obtaining possession of fishing nets, 30 fathoms of one inch hemp rope, and ten pieces of clothing, to the total value of \$105. These men then returned on board their sampan and sailed towards Ping Hoi.

After this second attack it was decided to alter their course to

## BRAVE CAPTAIN.

### WAVES FAREWELL ON THE BRIDGE.

### HORRORS OF THE MAFALDA.

Bahia, Oct. 27.  
Thirty-two members of the crew of the s.s. Principessa Mafalda have been brought in here by the French steamer Mosella.

They express the belief that the commander, Captain Guli, went down with his ship.—*Reuters' American Service*.

Scenes of Horror.

Rio de Janeiro, Oct. 27.  
Most of the survivors of the Mafalda are still at sea and details of the disaster are still obscure.

The crew of the rescuing ship Mosella describe the grim struggles of the shipwrecked people in the shark-infested waters. At least one swimmer was devoured.

The electric light failed immediately after the explosion. The groans of the injured and dying were terrible to hear, while the wails of the women, who were praying aloud to the Madonna, and were clutching babies to their breasts, filled the darkness with clamour. The panic stricken jumped overboard.

Stuck to Their Posts.  
The survivors and the crew of the Mosella loudly praise Captain Guli, the Mafalda's commander, and the wireless operator, who stuck to their posts to the last and are believed to have been drowned. Captain Guli was standing on the bridge as the vessel heeled right over, waving farewell.

One of the rescue ships tied alongside the Mafalda, but the slope on the doomed vessel became too pronounced, and the hawsers were hurriedly parted, lest the sinking ship should drag the other under as well.—*Reuters' American Service*.

Ship Fully Insured.  
London, Oct. 27.  
Doubt still exists as to actual number missing in the Italian liner Principessa Mafalda disaster. Latest estimates vary between thirty-four and eighty-four but authentic information is unlikely to be available before the ship carrying survivors reaches port and the names of the saved are checked with the records. It is expected that all these ships will report either at Rio or Bahia during to-day.

The cause of the disaster still seems uncertain. The Principessa Mafalda is stated to have been insured for the value of about \$31,000 on the London marine insurance market, the risk covering on the assurance of the Italian underwriters. In addition insurances on cargo are also placed in London for a considerable amount. There are also policies covering the shipowners' liability which includes statutory liability for loss of life at sea.—*British Wireless*.

Further Details of Rescue.  
Rio de Janeiro, Oct. 27.  
"Keep cheerful we are coming" by wireless from the Blue Star steamer Empire Star was among the replies the Principessa Mafalda received to her S. O. S. sent out as the passengers were merry making at supper time in the prospect of soon landing.

Dancing and laughter were turned into tears, when the ship stopped and the captain ordered all to report stations. The crew laughed and joked to the accompaniment of the sobbing of the women and children. The orchestra struck up the Italian national anthem and many minutes elapsed before the wireless operator announced that the French steamer Athena (not the German, Athena) were coming full speed toward the Mafalda.

Then came the Empire Star message. The rescue ships had scarcely arrived when the explosion occurred in the boiler room and the Mafalda began to sink.

The sea was calm and the sky clear and only the darkness impeded the work of rescue.

Experts in London state that the insurance on the Mafalda is about \$60,000, a large proportion of which will fall on the London market owing to re-insurance.—*Reuters' American Service*.

### MISS ELDER SEEING EUROPE.

### LEAVES SPAIN FOR FRANCE.

Madrid, Oct. 27.  
The trans-Atlantic flier, Miss Ruth Elder, arrived here by air from Lisbon, and has departed for Paris.—*Reuters' American Service*.

At 9 p.m. the same night the pirates left, and took away with them three cannon, belonging to the fishing boat, valued at \$700. The pirates left in the direction of Ping Hoi.

As soon as they were able to do so, the fishing boat returned to Hongkong, reaching Aberdeen yes-

## THE "TOTE" FOR HOME COURSES.

### JOCKEY CLUB APPROVES SYSTEM.

### TO CHARGE BOOKIES.

Bahia, Oct. 27.  
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The Jockey Club has approved of the totallator.

The recommendations which have been adopted by the Jockey Club committee, after the evidence of stewards and officials from India, New Zealand, and South Africa, provide for an alteration of the existing law to permit the totallator or pari mutuel being installed on approved race courses, controlled by the Jockey Club or the National Hunt Committee.

The Evening Standard understands that a Bill legalising the totallator is ready, and is assured of strong support; but in view of the strong opposition anticipated from bookmakers, there is likely to be a race against time if it is to

be made to pass.

Shanghai, Oct. 27.  
Further successes for the Nanking forces were recorded yesterday. The 44th Army captured Taihu, the 6th. Army captured Wong-Kiang, and the 11th. Army captured Chien-Shan.

A considerable part of the 7th.

and 13th. Armies have also arrived at Taihu, where all the Nanking troops are now concentrating, in preparation for an advance on Wongmei.

It is also reported that the defeated Wuhan forces have retreated beyond Kiuqiang.

A letter report states that the 19th. Army of the Nanking forces has captured Chenteh.—*Nam Chung Po*.

EARLIER NANKING REVERSE.

Some Heavy Losses.

Peking, Oct. 27.  
Foreign messages from Nanking state that Chen Chien's 13th. Nationalist Army Corps was severely defeated with heavy losses when endeavouring to cut off Liu Hsing's Hankow forces from Tating.—*Reuters*.

"RED SPEARS" SLOGAN.

Recruiting in Shanghai.

Shanghai, Oct. 28.  
The "Red Spears" are carrying on a campaign for recruits in Shanghai, their slogan being "Reduce banditry, disarm the soldiery, and punish the corrupt officials."—*Our Own Correspondent*.

CHOCHOW CAPTURED.

After Severe Bombardment.

Peking, Oct. 27.  
Chochow has again been officially captured. The city which was captured by a Shansi raiding party early in the campaign had been officially reported captured twice previously, but the besieged troops stubbornly held out against a severe artillery bombardment.

The Jockey Club has also decided to charge bookmakers at the race courses fees on a graduated scale.—*Reuters*.

Strenuous Opposition Likely.

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The Jockey Club, in approving the recommendations, resolved that steps be taken to give effect to them. It is understood that a Bill will be introduced immediately in Parliament with this object.

The proposal to establish a totallator will, of course, meet with strenuous opposition from bookmakers, and the subject promises to be a topic of keen discussion in turf circles.—*Reuters*.

U.S. TRADE LESS ACTIVE.

### CONTINUED FALLING OFF DISCLOSED.

New York, Oct. 27.  
The Federal Reserve Board states that Industrial trade activity increased less in September than was seasonably usual, and continued to be in smaller volume than a year ago.

The iron and steel output in September was smaller than in any month since 1925, and there were also decreases in the production of non-ferrous metals, motor cars, and rubber tyres.

The textile, shoe and leather industries continued to be active.

Wholesale commodity prices advanced in September for the fourth consecutive month.

RE-INSURANCE.

New York, Oct. 27.  
Exports from the United States to Europe were \$1,000 million in September, compared with \$1,050 million in August.

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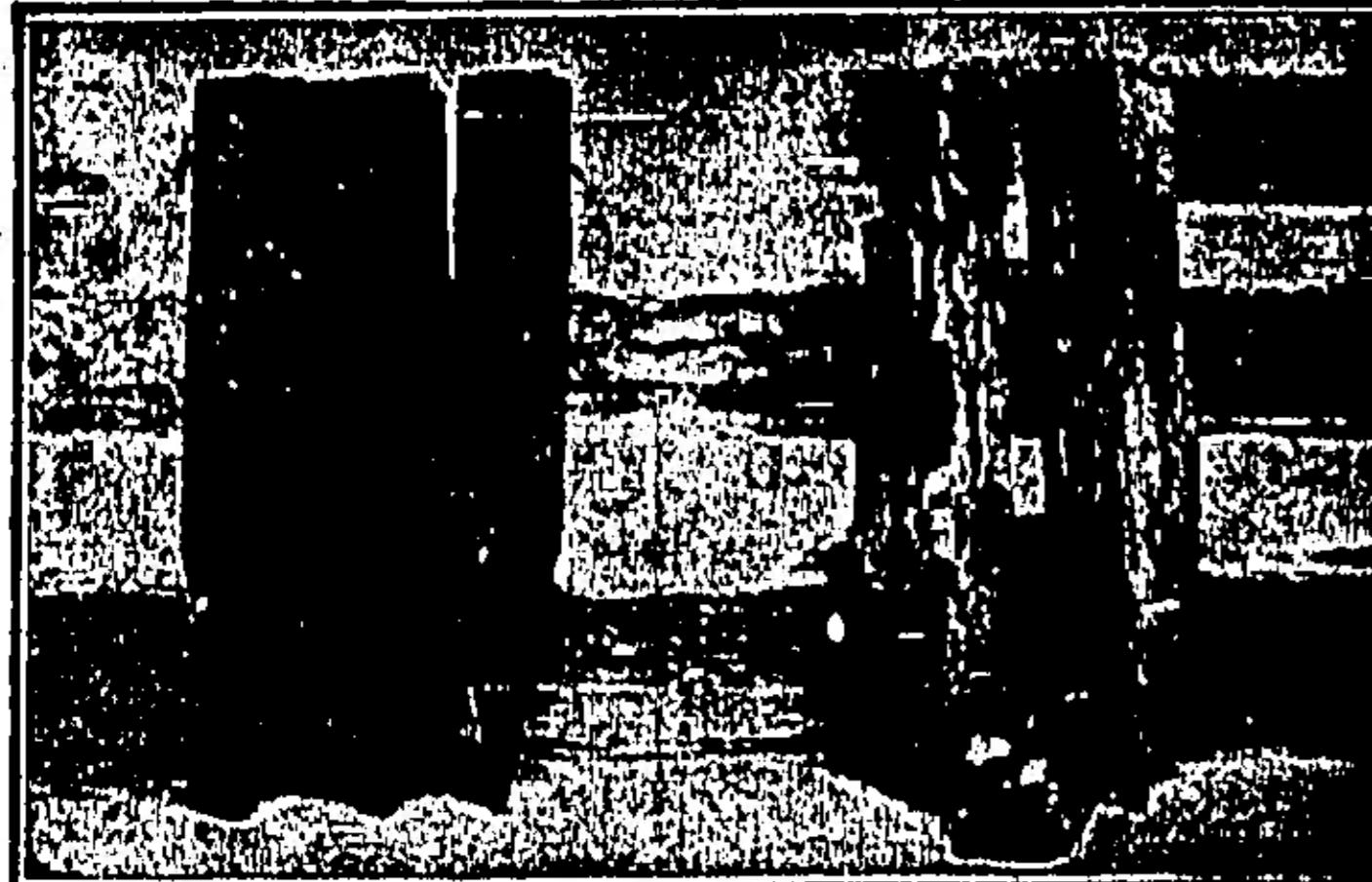
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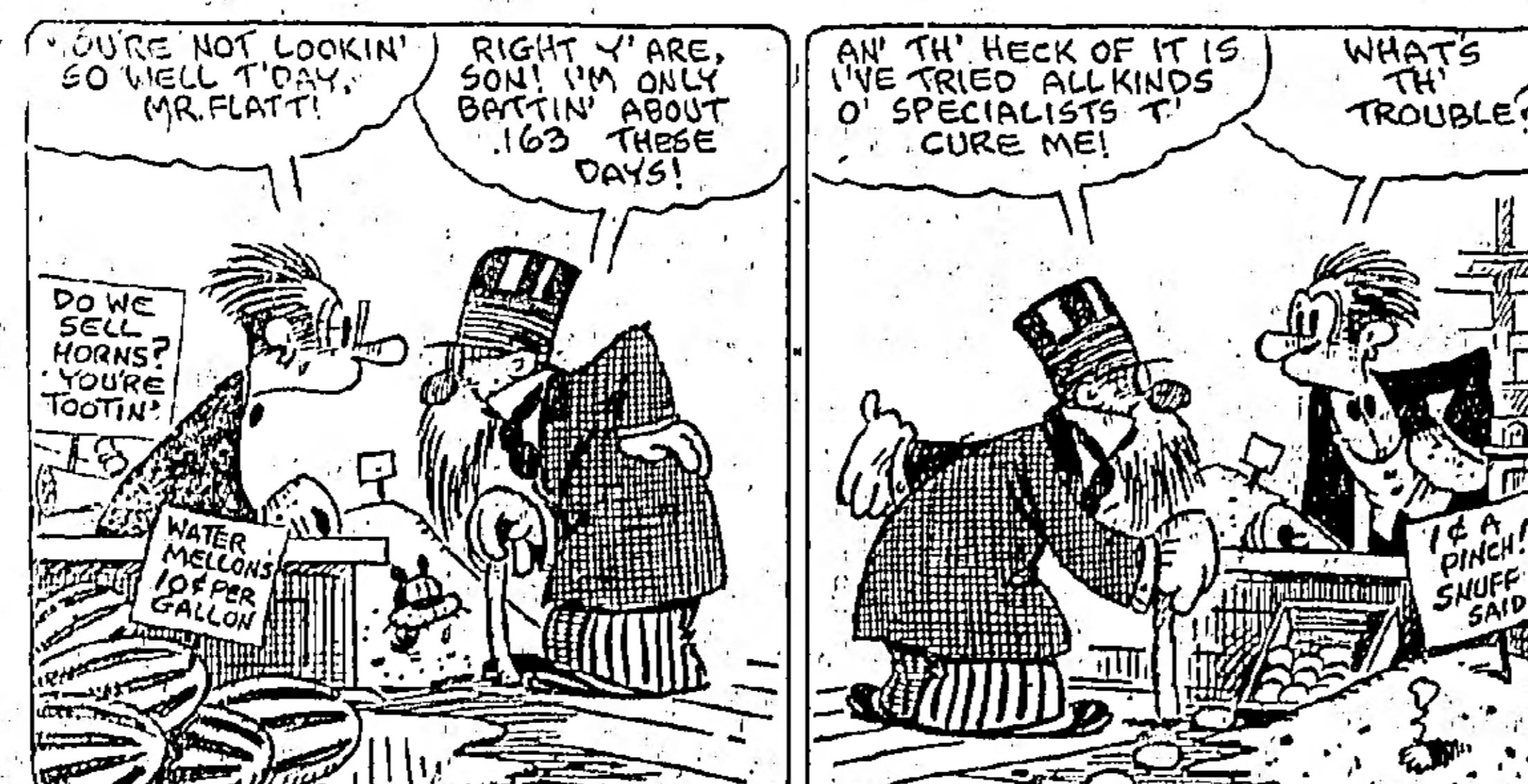
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## LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

## FOUR NEW BILLS PASS FIRST READING.

At yesterday's meeting of the Legislative Council, a resolution moved by His Excellency the Officer Administering the Government (the Hon. Mr. W. T. Southorn, C.M.G.) was passed in silence tendering humble duty and expressing loyal and respectful sympathy with their Majesties the King and Queen and the Royal family in the death of the Marquis of Cambridge, the eldest brother of Her Majesty the Queen.

Four new bills, including an Ordinance to provide for the registration and regulation of watchmen, were introduced by the Attorney General, and were read a first time.

His Excellency the Officer Administering the Government presided over the meeting and there were also present:

Hon. General Officer Commanding the Troops (Major General C. C. Luard, C.B., C.M.G.).

Hon. Mr. E. R. Hallifax, C.M.G., C.B.E. (Colonial Secretary).

Hon. Sir Joseph Horsford Kemp, K.C., C.B.E. (Attorney-General).

Hon. Mr. C. McI. Messer, O.B.E. (Colonial Treasurer).

Hon. Mr. H. T. Jackman (Director of Public Works).

Hon. Mr. R. H. Kotewall, C.M.G., LL.D.

Hon. Mr. D. G. M. Bernard.

Hon. Mr. A. C. Hynes.

Hon. Mr. J. Owen Hughes.

Hon. Mr. W. E. L. Shenton.

Mr. E. W. Hamilton (Deputy Clerk of Councils).

Mr. R. A. C. North, the acting Secretary for Chinese Affairs, took the oath and his seat on the Council.

**Medical Registration Ordinance.**

The Attorney General moved the reading of a Bill intituled An Ordinance to amend the Medical Registration Ordinance, 1884. He said: "Hon. members will have heard with great regret of the death on the 24th inst. of the Marquis of Cambridge, beloved eldest brother of Her Majesty the Queen. I know that hon. members will desire to give expression to their loyal sympathy with their Majesties the King and Queen and the members of the Royal family in their sorrow. I therefore move the following resolution:

The members of the Legislative Council have heard with profound sorrow the sad announcement of the death of the Marquis of Cambridge and desire to tender their humble duty and to express their loyal and respectful sympathy with their Majesties the King and Queen and the Royal family in their bereavement.

Hon. Mr. R. H. Kotewall: It is with profound sorrow that I respectfully second the resolution.

Hon. Mr. D. G. M. Bernard: Sir, I beg to support the motion.

The motion was carried in silence.

**Incorporation Ordinance.**

The Attorney-General moved the first reading of a Bill intituled An Ordinance to provide for the incorporation of the Procurator in Hongkong of the English Assitancy of the Jesuit Order. He said: "The English Assitancy of the Jesuit Order propose to build a hostel to be attached to the University to assist in that enterprise. The University have agreed to grant a sub-lease to the Jesuit Order of a portion of the site belonging to the University at Fly Point Battery, and in order to secure the advantage of perpetual succession it is proposed that the Procurator in Hongkong of the English Assitancy of the Jesuit Order shall be made a corporation sole, and this Bill is intended to effect that object. I beg to move the first reading."

The Colonial Secretary seconded and the Bill was read a first time.

**Inscribed Stock Ordinance.**

The Attorney General moved the first reading of a Bill intituled An Ordinance to amend the General Loan and Inscribed Stock Ordinance, 1913. He said: "This

## THE COTTON CROP.

## GROWERS TO REAP A HARVEST THIS YEAR.

New York, Oct. 27.

The Secretary for Agriculture, reviewing the cotton crop, said that growers could realise \$200,000,000 more from this year's crop than last. The statement has resulted in the cotton market prices advancing from 50 to 60 points.

*Reuter's American Service.*

**Ordinance will amend the General Loan and Inscribed Stock Ordinance, 1913, so as to make it possible to discontinue contributions to the Sinking Fund of any loan issued under that Ordinance when the Sinking Fund has become potentially full, that is to say, when it is quite clear that the fund, without any further contributions, will be sufficient to pay off the loan at the proper time. It is obviously unnecessary to go on contributing to a Sinking Fund in these circumstances, and it may sometimes be financially undesirable to do so. In other cases, it may be desirable to continue the contributions in order to pay off the loan at as early a period as possible. Discretion is therefore given to the Governor by this amending Bill to discontinue such contributions with the approval of the Secretary of State. Provision is also made for the resumption of the contributions if that should become necessary. This Bill is recommended and, indeed, is drafted by the Secretary of State. I beg to move the first reading.**

The Colonial Secretary seconded and the Bill was read a first time.

**Registration of Watchmen.**

The Attorney General moved the first reading of a Bill intituled An Ordinance to provide for the registration and regulation of watchmen.

He said: "Ten years ago the Captain Superintendent of Police inaugurated a system of supplying watchmen to private employers. The scheme had very small beginnings; it began with 20 men. The numbers have now increased so that at the present time over 600 watchmen are employed.

It is true that some of these are employed as ship's guards. Very soon the employment of ship's

guards under the Prevention of Piracy Regulations will cease to be compulsory, and it may be that

some of these guards will no longer be employed as such; but there will still be a great number

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The present Bill, and the regulations proposed to be made under it, which have also been published, are intended on the whole to modify the existing practice, but there are certain important exceptions to that statement.

In the first place when the Bill and regulations become law, the employment of unregistered persons as a watchman will be prohibited.

There is one exception again to that statement, namely,

that the prohibition will not apply to watchmen of any other race except Chinese. That is the chief point on which the Bill will vary the existing practice.

At present, of course, the employment of watchmen supplied by the police is purely voluntary. Anyone who wishes it can employ a watchman elsewhere and he has not got to see that the watchman is registered with the police. In future he will have to do so.

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Speaking generally, once a ship's guard is employed,

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control over his actions on board the ship after he is employed.

That, of course, is one of the main objections to the present piracy regulations.

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Obviously, that is undesirable, because the result very often is that neither set of duties is properly performed.

It is hoped that as the Ordinance and regulations endeavour to keep the existing practice, that the scheme which has worked so successfully hitherto will be equally successful, and more so, when it is regulated by

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It is also understood that each officer has received a monetary grant

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## ISLAND MASSACRE.

## MURDER OF GOVERNMENT PARTY EXPLAINED.

Sava, Oct. 27.

Particulars of the massacre on Malaita Island shew that the District Commissioner, MR. Bell, accompanied by a cadet officer Mr. Lille and a number of constables was collecting the native tax at Sinarango, which is five shillings per head annually for males between the ages of sixteen and sixty.

Mr. Bell was suddenly struck on the head with the barrel of an old Snyder rifle and killed outright whereupon from two to three hundred natives armed with axes, knives and bows and arrows attacked the Government party who were overwhelmed, despite the gallant defence made by the wounded constables who escaped.

They state that Mr. Bell had been previously warned that he and his party would be killed when they arrived at Sinarango to collect the tax. It is believed that three of their assailants were killed. Several of the wounded were carried off.

Government forces have arrived at Sinarango where a base has been established, and a seven hours journey has been made into the interior. Heavy rains impede progress in the mountainous, dense bush. Reuter.

Ordinance. I beg to move the first reading.

The Colonial Secretary seconded and the Bill was read a first time.

**Liquors Consolidation Ordinance.**

During the Committee stage on the Liquors Consolidation Ordinance, the Attorney General moved an amendment to clause 5. He explained that in its original form the section placed the onus on the defence, but placed no obligation on the prosecution to produce any evidence at all, that the duty had not been paid or that the defendant had no reason to believe it had been paid.

This was considered by some persons to be too severe and drastic, and the present proposal was that whilst the onus would still remain on the defendant to prove the



**HOME BY SEA.**—Charles A. Levine (on right) first trans-Atlantic air passenger, at odds with Maurice Drouhin, French ace, engaged Captain Walter R. C. Hinchcliffe (left) British pilot, to fly him back to the United States in Levine's monoplane "Columbia." But they decided later to fly to the East, crashed in Italy, and Levine returned to America on board a ship.



**LEAGUE HEAD.**—Efforts to bring before the League of Nations questions concerning the U. S. and its southern neighbours have been forecast at Geneva. Hero is a new photo of the League's new president, Señor Alberto

Guani of Uruguay.



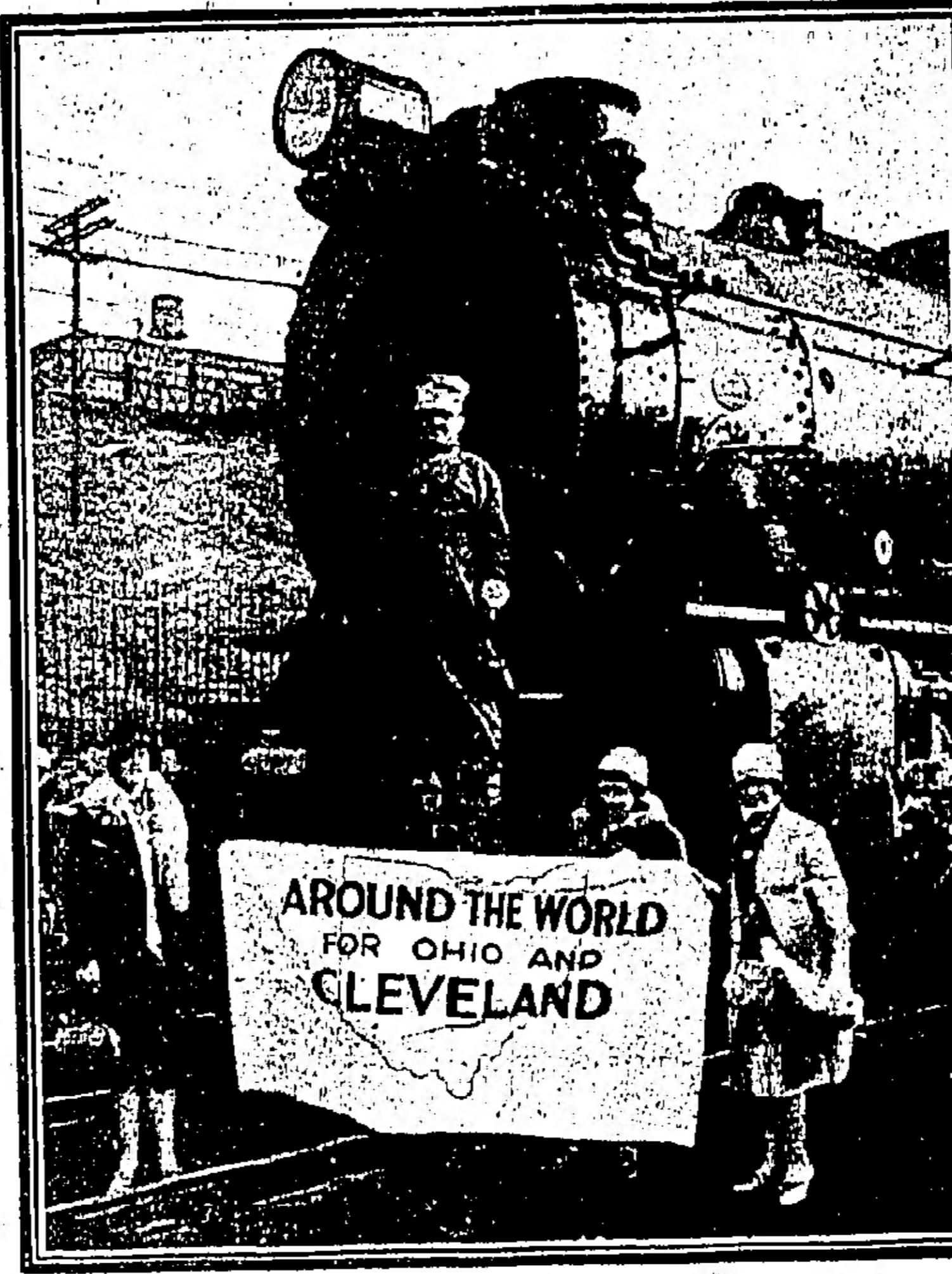
**WILL THEY SUCCEED?**—Undeterred by the fate of their fellow aces, Nungesser and Coli, Leon Given (left) and Pierre Corbu, French airmen, desire to hop off from Paris for New York. In view of the unfavourable weather conditions at this time of the year, however, their flight has had to be postponed indefinitely.



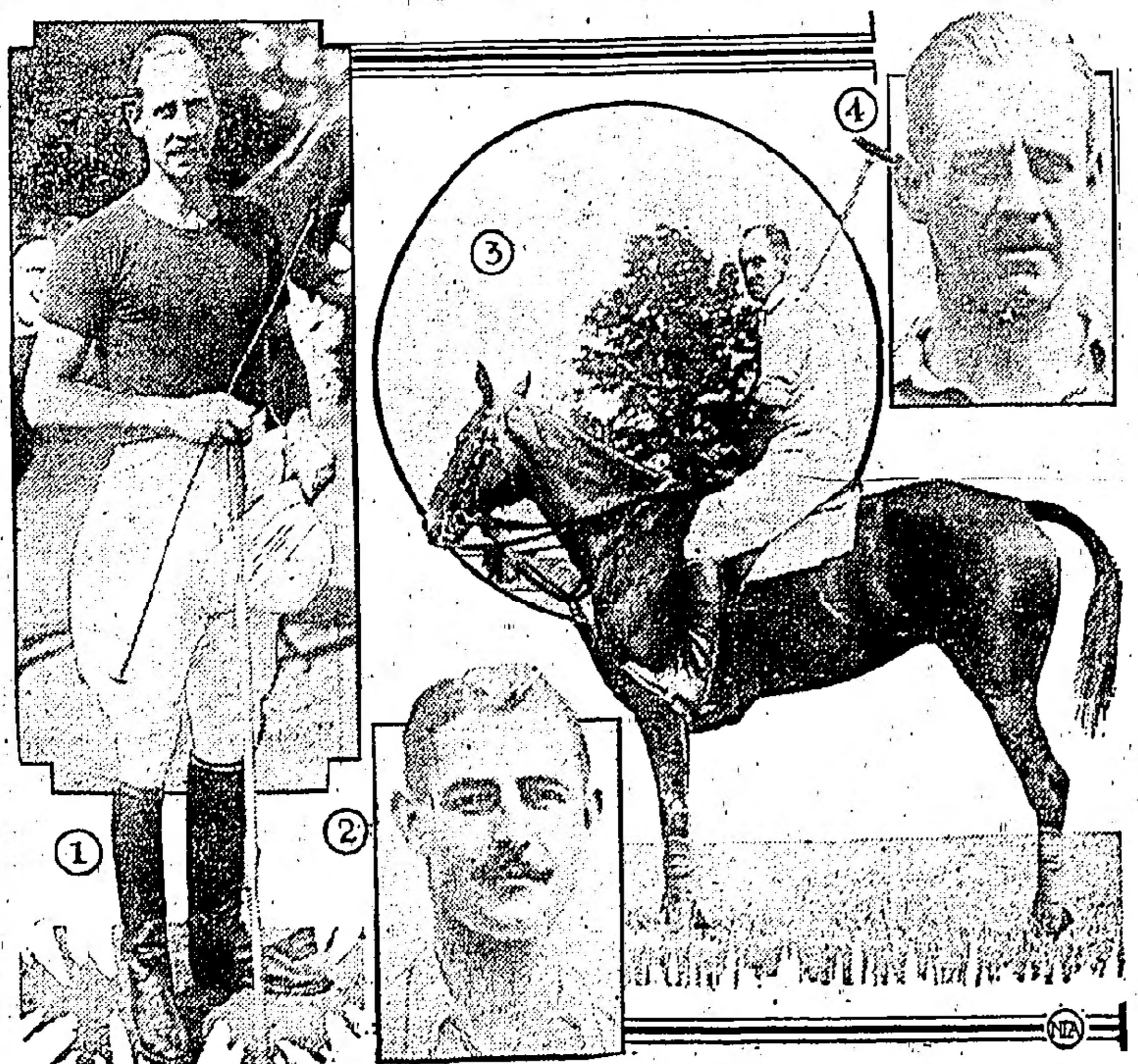
**POLO TROPHY.**—Mrs. Thomas Hitchcock presenting to the triumphant American International Polo Team at the Meadow Brook Field, Long Island, the Westchester Cup, retained for America by their decisive defeat of the British Army-in-India four. And then, with the vanquished Britishers, they drank from it the fruits of victory. Receiving the trophy is Devereux Milburn, veteran captain; behind him, J. Watson Webb; then Malcolm Stevenson, and, nearest Mrs. Hitchcock, her son, Thomas Hitchcock, Jr., star of the matches.



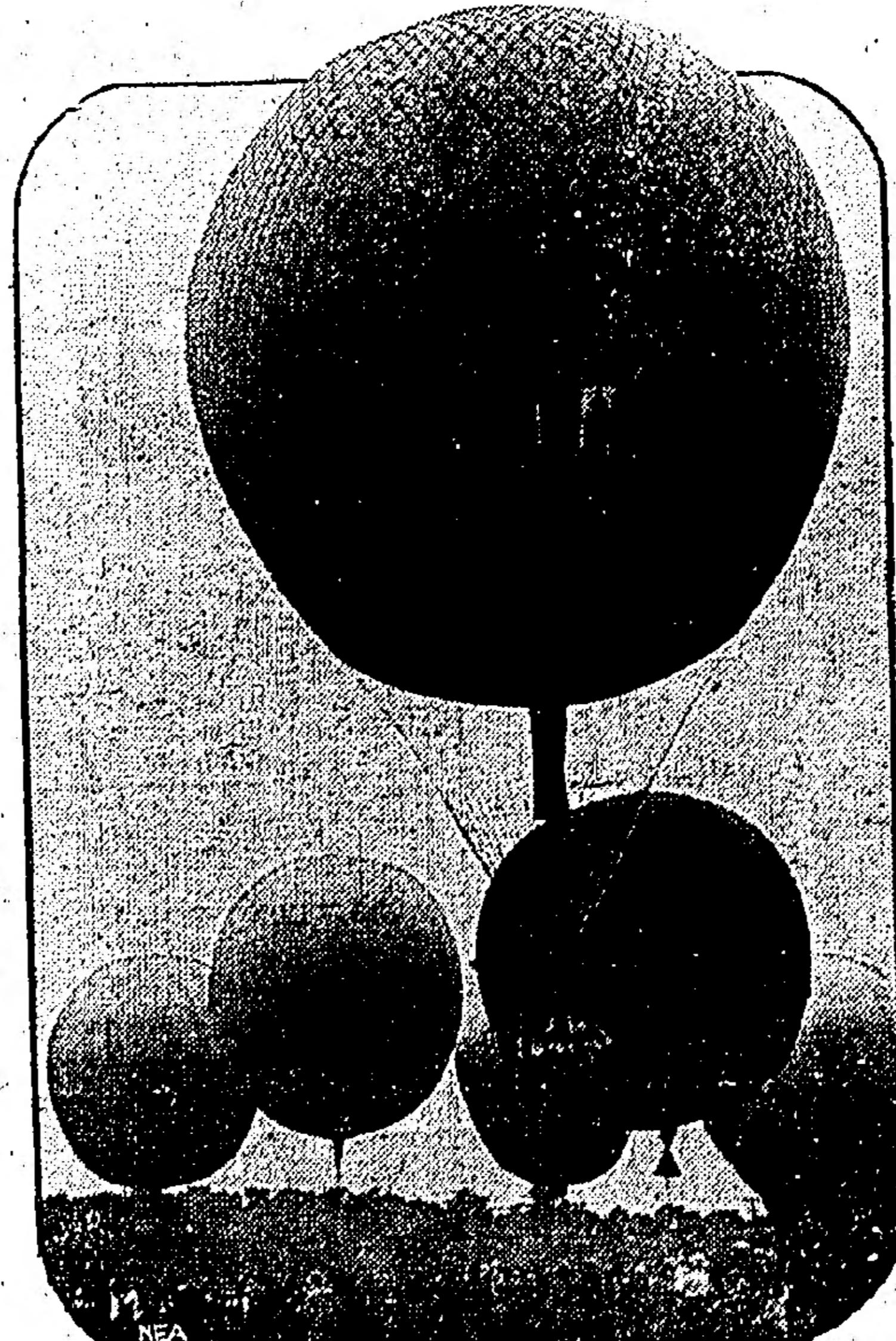
**BACK AGAIN.**—Vice-president Charles G. Dawes, on the deck of the Leviathan, went with the other Paris-bound Legionnaires. "Hell an' Maria" wore a General's stars during the World War.



**THEY EARNED A TRIP ROUND THE WORLD.**—These Cleveland girls passed through recently, on a free trip round the world which their State gave them as a competition prize.



**BRITISH POLO TEAM.**—Here are the crack malletters of the British Army-in-India polo team who tried unsuccessfully to lift the challenge cup from the Americans in the international matches at Westbury, Long Island: (1) Captain C. T. I. Roark; (2) Captain Claude C. Port; (3) Major Austin H. Williams; (4) Major Eric G. Atkinson.



**GORDON BENNETT RACE.**—The start of the international balloon race at Detroit for the James Gordon Bennett trophy is pictured above. In the foreground is the Dux, Italy's entry. The race eventually went to an American balloon.

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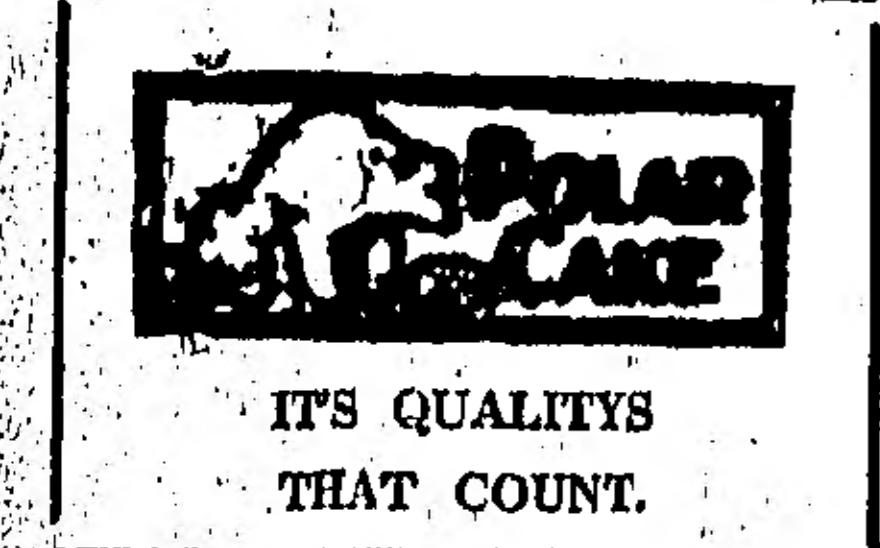
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By Order,

**C. B. BROWN,**

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**SHANGHAI ITEMS.**

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state of affairs is undoubtedly attributable to the fact that Shanghai audiences decline to attend performances by third rate companies but with equal tenacity refuse to submit even to slightly higher prices when a really good company pitches its tent in our midst. Even the great Marie Tempest had to lower her prices to have any audience at all. The result is that a first class company simply cannot afford to come out here at prices which might have been all very well 20 years ago but will not recoup visiting players in view of the rise in shipping and hotel expenses.

Now there is a lot of talk about starting a repertory company for Shanghai consisting of imported and local talent on a professional basis. Aside from generating verbal heat in the press, no one seriously expects anything tangible to ensue from this pretty little scheme.

**Judge Loo's Dismissal.**

Although it had been generally known for some time that Judge Loo Hsing-yuan, Chief Justice of the Provisional Court, had been relieved of office, the notice informing the Court of his dismissal has only just been received at the Provisional Court. At the same time, formal notification has been sent from the Bureau of Foreign Affairs announcing the appointment of Miss Soumay Teheng to the Presidency of the Court, despite the vigorous protest lodged by the Consular Body against Judge Loo's summary dismissal.

The throwing overboard of Judge Loo, the principal opposition to whom, it is understood, has come from General Pei Chung-hsi, Defense Commissioner in Shanghai, has created a profound impression both in Chinese and foreign circles. The tone of Chinese comments, which find a vehicle of expression in some of the leading vernacular dailies, leaves no particle of doubt regarding the shock public opinion has sustained at military interference with civil authority. The opinion is unanimous in Sino-foreign circles that Judge Loo has been sacrificed to militarist spite because he fearlessly tried to defend the honour and prestige of the Court over which he presided against military domination.

The dismissal, aside from the sterling qualities of Judge Loo, is peculiarly unfortunate in view of the fact that the status of China's judiciary is now being subjected to the acid test of world scrutiny. The lack of continuity in the matter of tenure of office naturally must impair efficient administration. Eugen Chen is no more at Hangkow; General Chiang Kai-shek has blazed like a flashing meteor in the sky and then evaporated into nothingness; Judge Loo is dismissed when his task was just beginning. Good officials and bad would appear to be equally exposed to the sport of chance.

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The rate of the dollar on demand was 2/3 7/8d.

In the Hongkong Volunteer Reserve Association shoot at the King's Park Range, the following were among those who competed: Messrs. L. G. Bird, P. P. J. Wodehouse, T. P. Cochrane and J. McCubbin.

The Club Lusitano held a concert, from the proceeds of which it handed over a presentable donation to the relief of the typhoon victims.

Gunner Manuk gave an exhibition of mesmerism at a concert held at the Volunteer Camp at Stonecutters.

Sir Claude Macdonald, British Ambassador at Tokyo, on his way home on leave was received with military honours. He dined at Government House.

Inspectors W. Robertson, D. Macdonald, A. C. Langley, A. Collett, D. Courlay and A. G. Dymond were commended by H.E. the Governor, Sir Matthew Nathan, for saving life during the disastrous typhoon of 18th September.

A reception was held on board the German Mail liner *Prinz Ludwig* on the occasion of her first visit to the Colony.

The Transport Soudan arrived with the 3rd Middlesex Regiment for garrison duty in Hongkong.

A Coroner's enquiry was held in connexion with the fire on board the s.s. *Hawke*, Capt. Branch and Chief Engineer Christie giving evidence.

## LON CHANEY FILM.

## "THE TOWER OF LIES" AT THE QUEEN'S.

The three people chiefly responsible for making "He Who Gets Slapped" famous as a film—Lon Chaney, Norma Shearer, and Victor Seastrom—have each played an important part in the success of "The Tower of Lies," the notable picture which will be screened at the Queen's Theatre today and to-morrow.

Lon Chaney has one of the biggest roles of his career in this picture, namely the part of the "insane emperor" of an imaginary kingdom. The role is one of great human appeal, and Lon Chaney makes it a thing of great beauty and tenderness.

Norma Shearer's share in the success of "The Tower of Lies" is the ability with which she interprets the role of "Goldie," who appears when the story opens, as an innocent young country girl, but later becomes a brazen, hardened woman of loose reputation.

The part played by Victor Seastrom in making "The Tower of Lies" a great picture is the skill with which he has transferred the story from the popular novel to the screen. The picture is full of incident and Seastrom has made it more than a little impressive.

CHESS CHAMPIONSHIP.  
ALEKHINE WINS THE TWENTY-FIRST GAME.

Buenos Aires, Oct. 27.—Alekhine has won the twenty-first game in the world's chess championship, in thirty-two moves. He has now scored four wins against Capablanca's two. The other fifteen games were drawn. Alekhine wants only two more victories to win the championship. —Reuter's American Service.

## ROBBERY CASE.

## EXCITING NIGHT IN A SHOP ON LAICHIKOK ROAD.

Further evidence was given yesterday against the three men charged in connexion with the armed robbery at 185 Laichikok Road, a shop, on the night of September 13.

The second defendant was shot at and wounded three times by a Chinese constable when he tried to run away, and a woman inmate of the house was wounded with a pair of scissors. The third defendant, a fold of the musket of the shop, is implicated by allegations that he enabled the robbers to enter the premises. Detective Sub-Inspector Fallon is investigating, assisted by Detective Sergeant Brittain.

Giving evidence yesterday, at Kowloon Magistracy, the wife of the shop master said that the shop was closed after eight o'clock on the night in question. She closed and fastened some of the doors herself and her foki attended to others. She trusted the foki and did not herself examine the doors he closed.

While still awake, about ten o'clock, she heard footsteps in the cockpit and then sounds that suggested that someone was descending the stairs. She then saw two strangers, being the first and second defendants. The second defendant seized her by the throat and held her down on her bed. He tried to force a gag into her mouth, but she struggled and shouted for help. In the meantime the first defendant had attacked her husband similarly. He assaulted her on each side of her face with an iron implement, leaving marks, and he threatened to kill her by stabbing.

Robbers Decamped with Haste. Suddenly a whistle was blown, and one of her sons, who had been roused by the disturbance, switched on the lights. This frightened the men who then ran away, the second defendant running towards the back of the house. She did not see where the other man ran to.

Witness found two rags for gagging. A bloodstained nightdress was produced and witness said that she was wearing it on the night of the attempted robbery. There was then about \$20 or \$30 in the house, some jewellery and clothing.

The principal tenant of 163 Kwelung Street, Shamshui Po, gave evidence of there being friendly relations between the third defendant, his wife and the first defendant. He said that before September 13 the third defendant was living in a cubicle in his house, and his wife introduced the first defendant to witness, saying he was looking for a job as an earth coolie. They appeared to be on friendly terms.

The third defendant denied this.

The case was adjourned until this morning, when it is expected to be concluded.

## STAR THEATRE.

## THE QUINTS IN "OH JOY" TO-NIGHT.

The popular musical comedy company, the Quints, open their season in the Star Theatre at 9.15 to-night with the big London success, "Oh Joy," a piece which met with a very cordial reception in the Theatre Royal last week and should win equal favour in Kowloon.

The Quints will repeat "Oh Joy" in the Star Theatre again to-morrow, Saturday night, and they will bring their season to a close on Sunday night with the famous musical comedy "No, No Nanette." During their season the Star Theatre orchestra will be specially augmented. Booking is at Moutrie's and the Star Theatre.

## WEDDING BELLS.

## YESTERDAY'S CEREMONY AT ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH.

St. Andrew's Church at Kowloon was the scene yesterday afternoon of a pretty wedding ceremony in which the contracting parties were Miss Annie V. Highton, the daughter of Mr. W. J. Highton and the late Mrs. Highton, of Liverpool, England, and Mr. Stanley W. Housden, the son of the late Mr. E. W. Housden and Mrs. Housden of Tooting, London.

Charmingly attired in a gown of white crepe de chino, with veil and orange blossoms, and carrying a beautiful bouquet of white roses, the bride entered the Church on the arm of Mr. C. R. Wilson, by whom she was given away. She was attended by Miss Lucy M. Baird, the bridesmaid, prettily dressed in a blue crepe de chino, with black velvet hat, and carrying a bouquet of pink roses. The Matron of Honour was Mrs. C. R. Wilson, whose dress was of flowered georgette with hat to match.

The bridegroom was accompanied by Leading Aircraftman V. Barnett as best man.

The service was conducted by Rev. W. W. Rogers, Vicar of St. Andrew's, in the presence of a number of friends, and both before and after the ceremony, the organist, Mr. Rupert Baldwin, played music appropriate to the occasion.

At the conclusion of the ceremony, a reception was held at St. Andrew's Church Hall, where the happy couple received the felicitations of their numerous friends.

Later, Mr. and Mrs. Housden left for Macao, where the honeymoon is being spent. The bride's going-away dress was of Wedgewood blue silk with coat to match, and fawn velvet hat.

## RICKSHA PULLER HELD UP.

## ROBBERS ROUTED IN SINGAPORE.

Although it is not unusual to hear of food hawkers being held up, the ricksha puller has hitherto escaped the attentions of Singapore highwaymen.

It might be that the slenderness of his purse in these days of trolley buses and motor buses has given the ricksha puller this immunity; or that he is regarded as a person who, might be very useful when a hurried but unobtrusive exit is an urgent necessity.

It is an immunity, however, which the pullers of Singapore may apparently no more claim, for on Thursday evening last week one of them was held up in Balaclava Road. He put up a determined resistance, so effective that the two men who stopped him made off without accomplishing their object.

As a memento of the occasion the plucky puller has a stab wound in the arm which will incapacitate him from work for the best part of a fortnight.

## APPRECIATION.

## PARTING MESSAGE TO ST. ANDREW'S CLUB.

The following letter has been received by the Secretary of St. Andrew's Young Men's Club.

Dear Sir,—Before departing from this Colony of Hongkong and Kowloon I should like very much to thank you and all the members of the Young Men's Club, together with our lady friends, for the excellent times they have given me during the short time that I have been resident here.

Without such aid as they have given I am sure the lives of many

## PIRATE FIGHTING.

## COMMENT ON CANTON'S NEGLIGENT ATTITUDE.

If the whole wretched business were not so serious, there could be found a lot that's amusing and truly indicative of the Chinese character in the correspondence which has taken place between the Hongkong Government and Mr. Wu Ch'ia Shu, Minister of Foreign Affairs of that body of Chinese officials in South China known as the Canton Government, Shipping and Engineering.

The Governor of Hongkong stated, simply and directly, that on July 21 of this year there had been yet another piracy; that the master of the (Norwegian) vessel was killed by the pirates and two of the officers wounded; that it was clear that they hailed from the pirate district of Bias Bay; that co-operation between Canton and Hongkong in exterminating the pirates was strongly indicated; and that, failing such co-operation and action, in the event of any further outrage on a British ship being committed, independent punitive action would again be taken by the British authorities.

## The Pirate Organisation.

It was a perfectly clear and a perfectly straightforward communication, which would never have been necessary at all, had the Canton Government carried out its bounden duty years and years ago; but instead of eliciting a clear and a reasonable reply, it brought back an answer as equivocal as unsatisfactory, and containing the childish contention that as the pirates boarded the vessel at Hongkong they must have an organisation there.

As, in the case of other piracies in recent years, the pirates have boarded ships at Shanghai (many times), Hongkong, Canton, Wuchow, Saigon, Singapore, Swatow, Amoy and a few other places, it follows from Mr. Wu's ridiculous argument that the pirates can boast an organisation in all of these places.

Possibly so, but nothing can alter the fact that their headquarters are in the Waichow district, and that unless and until ruthless and relentless action is taken at Bias Bay, nothing can stop further piracies.

## Room for Scepticism.

Mr. Wu is equally ridiculous when he states that he has already requested the Hongkong Government to "abolish local pirate dens as a radical way of settling the matter," and his remarks in this connexion are so redundant of insincerity as to give one to wonder whether the Canton Government really desires to abolish pirates at all. His predecessor, the ebullient Eugene Chen, wrote reams to the same effect during recent years, always blaming the Hongkong Government for a criminal dereliction of duty on the part of the Canton Government!

But there is still a little hope left.

Mr. Wu tells us, at the end of his letter, that his Ministry has already decided on a plan "with regard to exterminating the Bias Bay pirates.... so that this matter need cause you no anxiety."

Which is all very nice and very delightful; but we have heard and read the same sort of thing so often before that we are frankly more than a little sceptical.

In fact, we would go far as to say that unless the views of the Canton Government have altered considerably in recent times, the Pirates of Waichow will continue on their way rejoicing exceedingly and prospering unceasingly, undeterred by anything that the two men who stopped him made off without accomplishing their object.

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## WIDLER ARRESTED.

## SEQUEL TO SHANGHAI ARMS CASE TRIAL.

Mr. Elly Widler, one of the principal witnesses in the Crawley case which was concluded in the U.S. Court for China, was arrested on Friday afternoon at 105 Avenue Road, by detectives of the Shanghai Municipal Police under a warrant issued by the Swiss Consular Court for Shanghai and Engineering.

Following his arrest, Mr. Widler was taken to the Central Police Station and later removed to the Amoy Road Gaol.

Although it is not known what were the allegations leading to his arrest, articles and complaints 217 and 220 of the Swiss Criminal Code are given as the basis for the warrant, against Mr. Widler leading to his detention. No bail was permitted, as a special clause under Swiss law provides that bail should be denied between the time of arrest and the lodging of a formal charge.

## Hearing in Private.

On inquiring at the Swiss Consulate on Saturday morning, a representative of the *Shanghai Mercury* was told that the hearing in connexion with Mr. Widler's arrest would be held in private, and that until such time, if any, when a charge will be preferred against him, no account of any proceedings would be allowed to be published.

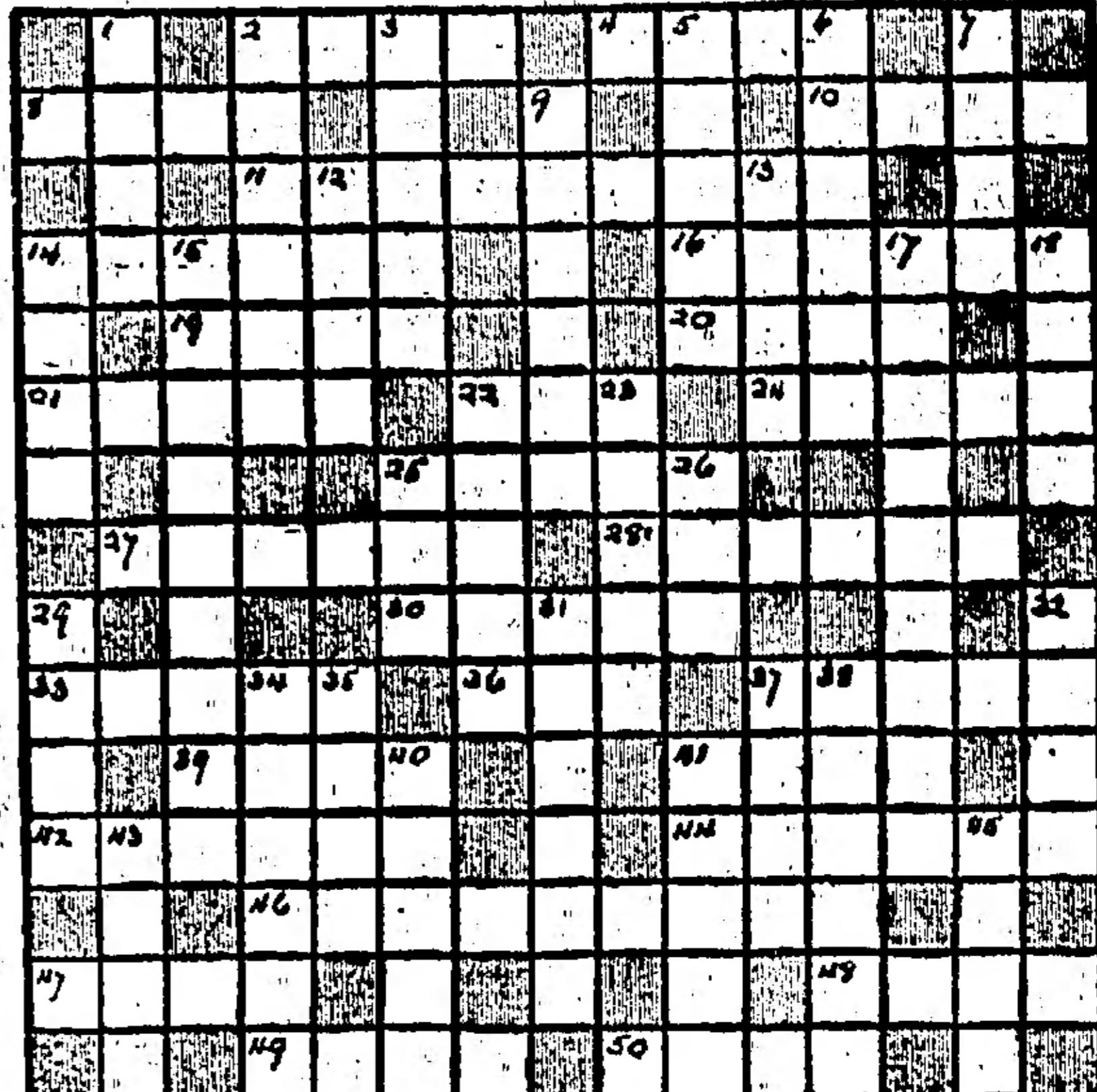
However, the articles of the Swiss Criminal Code under which a warrant was issued for the arrest of Elly Widler, and the complaint filed with the Court were handed to the representative.

Article 129, paragraph one, of the Code says a person who has obtained money in illegitimate ways is liable to five years' imprisonment.

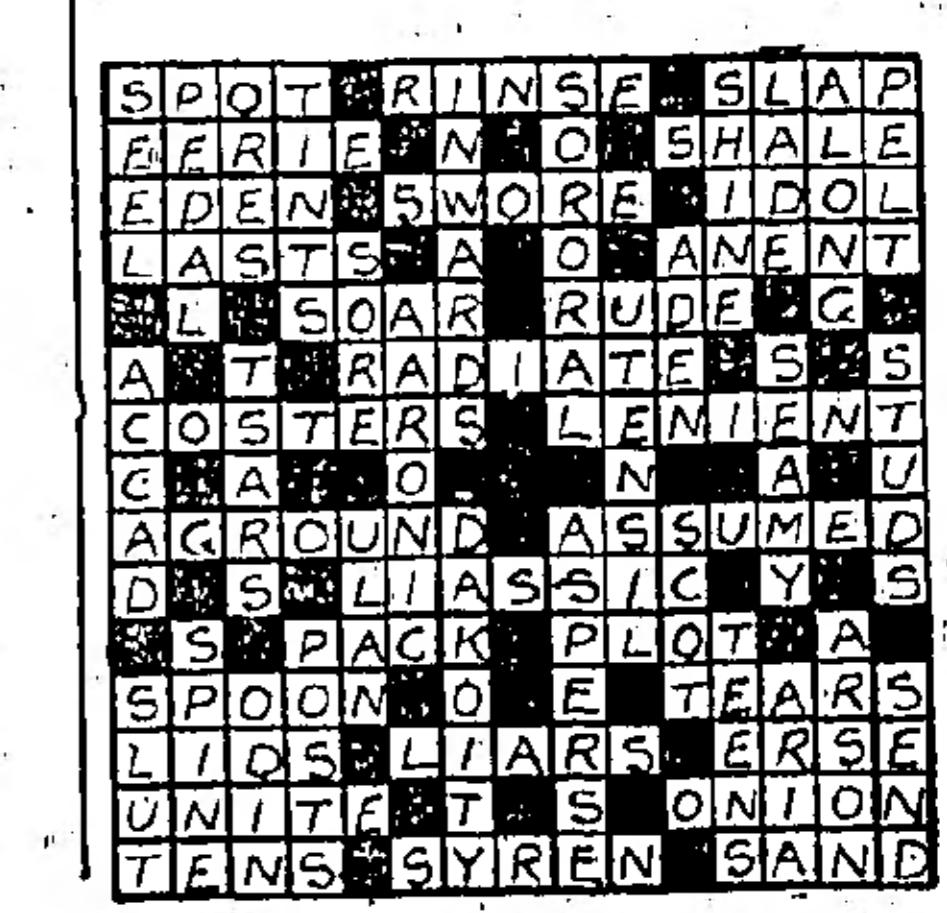
Article 217, paragraph one, had it that those who obtain property by falsification of certain titles, signatures, etc., are liable to five years' imprisonment.

It is understood that Comm. G. D. Musso, of the law firm of Musso, Fischer and Wilhelm, who is now about to leave Vienna and travel via Siberia, will arrive here during the first week of November, and will represent Mr. Widler in future proceedings.

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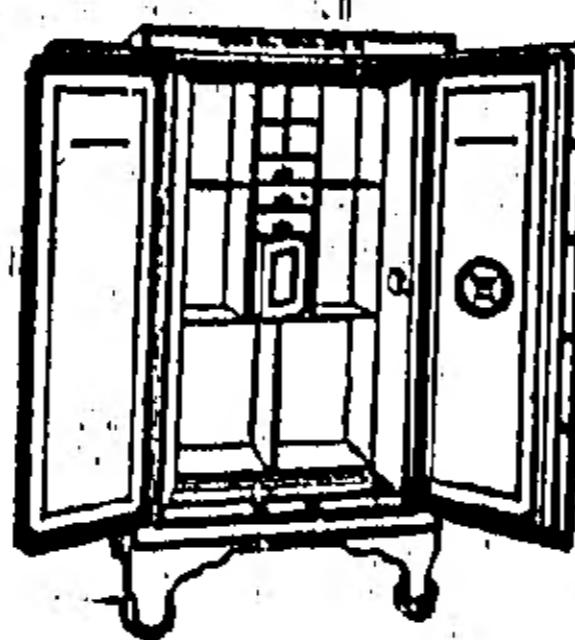
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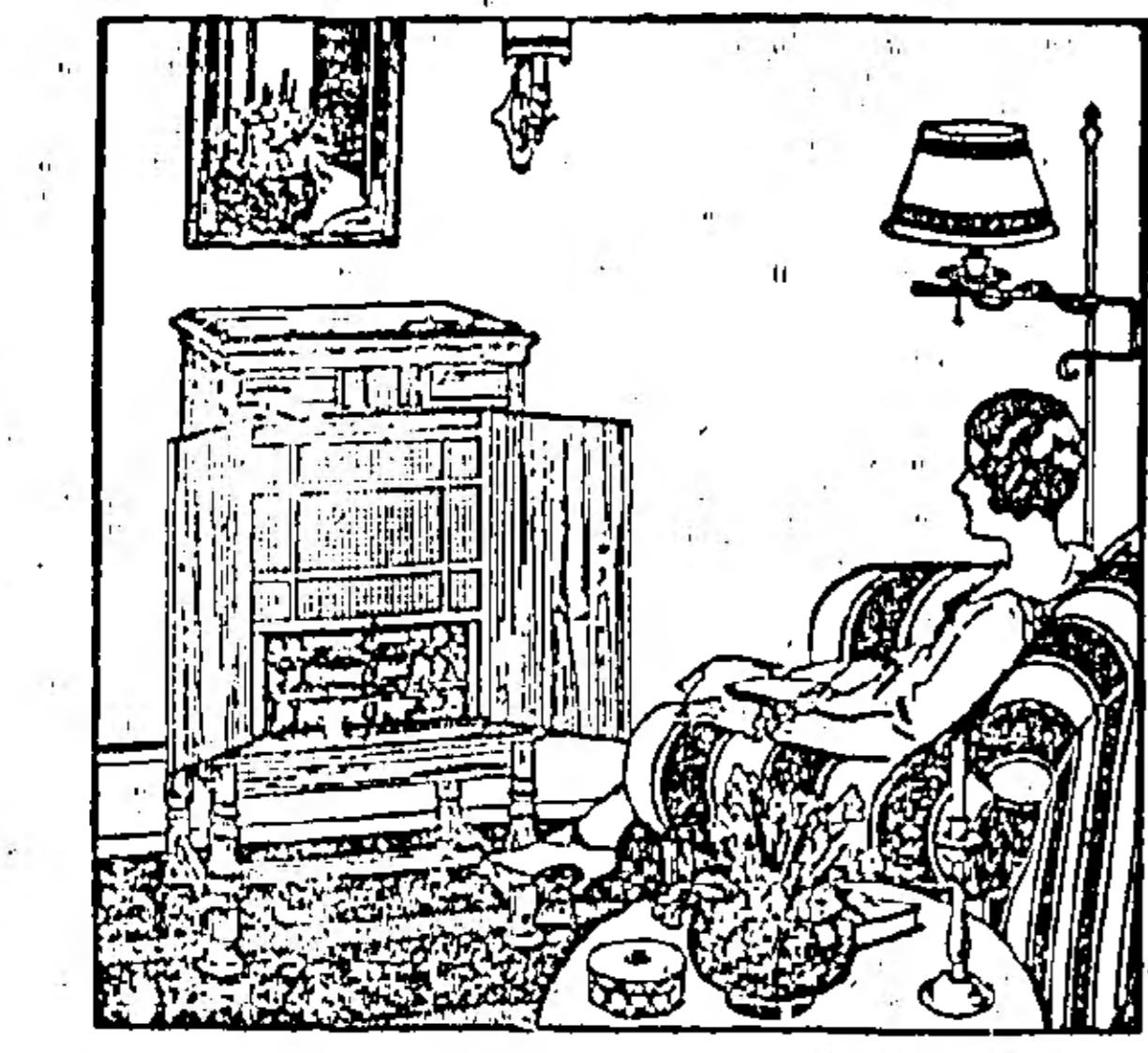
### THE SOUTH AFRICAN SETTLEMENT.

There should be much rejoicing in the Union of South Africa at the settlement of the flag controversy, and this feeling of satisfaction will be echoed all over the Empire. A few months ago there threatened to be a serious rupture in the South African colony over the agitation for a national flag, from which the extremists desired to see the Union Jack entirely eliminated. The tension became great, for the British settlers naturally refused to agree to a national banner which did not include the old flag of glorious traditions. It is possible there would have been serious incidents in case the originally-suggested emblem had been adopted, for where the Dutch element was less in evidence, the population would probably—as they threatened—have substituted the Union Jack by force, against the legally-constituted South African banner. Demonstrations on a big scale were also planned. Fortunately none of these outcomes are likely to materialise. The whole trouble, apparently, was a failure to appreciate the line followed in other colonies where there have been conflicting national interests. It is surely no more impossible or difficult for Dutch and British to live in amicable partnership in South Africa, than it is for the descendants of the English settlers and the French element to co-operate as they do in Canada. It is merely a matter of sinking differences, and forgetting old antagonisms. Even if language barriers are difficult to overcome, the realisation of the fact that both races are nationally sons of the same land, should help considerably. No doubt the friction will be less as one generation succeeds another, and in time South Africans should be able to get along together as well as do different stocks who compose the citizens of the United States of America. The way in which the flag controversy has been settled, and the obstacles to an understanding surmounted, already hold out hopes of much easier relations in the future for the people in the Union of South Africa.

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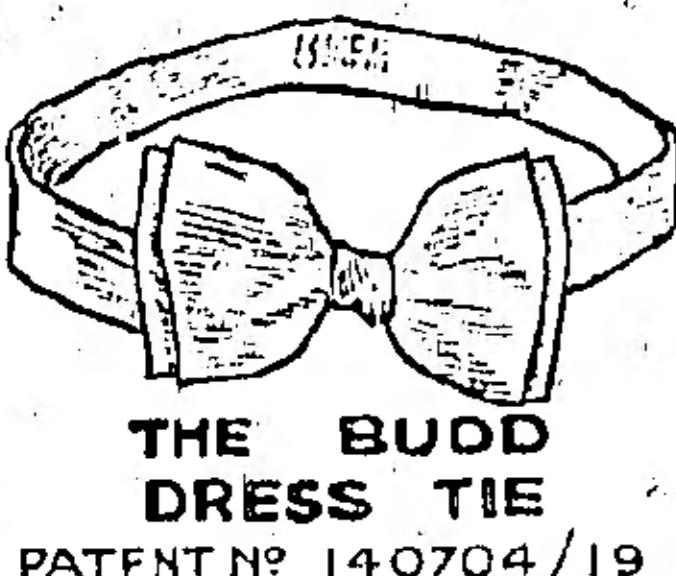
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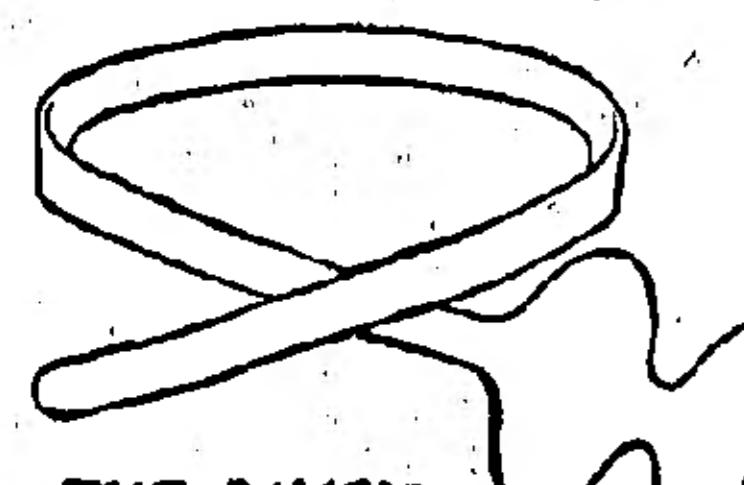
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bitter foe of the British, he later became a kind of stormy petrel, the Afrikander De Valera, as one might term him. It was thought that his antagonisms would never be sunk, as were those of General Smuts, an old enemy and now one of the staunchest friends of the Empire. But General Hertzog has changed to a far more broad-minded view of Imperial relationships. To-day he stands in the forefront of the Empire's leading men, and his influence, exerted for the good, has averted grave misunderstandings among his fellow-countrymen. It is interesting to observe how the change in the Nationalist leader's outlook has come about. Up to the time of the last Imperial Conference he was a suspicious antagonist of the British-inclined statesmen, General Smuts. It was said of Hertzog that he was a radical, a secessionist, and at heart a republican. If that were so, he became converted at the conference with fellow representatives of the British territories. It may be that the atmosphere of loyalty which those other delegates from the far-flung Dominions of the Empire showed, and the proof of Britain's sincerity of purpose in her administration of South Africa, altered entirely the somewhat narrow outlook which Hertzog had previously held. He has definitely worked for a better English-Dutch understanding since his return, and the flag settlement marks the crowning achievement of his helpful diplomacy. It is another proof, if one were required, of the incalculable value of Imperial gatherings, where the Empire's sons meet in mutual trust, to uphold a common cause.

**Religious Controversy.**  
There can not be the slightest doubt that the controversy at present raging in England on the subject of religion has, as the Archbishop of Canterbury asserts, given "real offence" to many churchfolk. There are many such who depurate such outspoken utterances as Bishop Barnes of Birmingham, has indulged in. On the other hand there are many (and they are possibly in the majority) who welcome such frankness of speech because they allege that the Church has largely lost its hold on the people on account of its shrinking from a plain face-to-face issue with the modern truths of science. There are relatively few thinking men and women to-day who deny the biological truth of evolution and in the religious regard they find it very difficult to reconcile the whole of the teachings of the Church with scientific belief. And Bishop Barnes belongs to that militant section which says that a full acceptance of the current scientific theories does not necessarily mean the rejection of religious truths, provided the Christian religion readjusts itself to the wider knowledge of these latter days. On the subject of Sacramental dogmas, he rejects the old-time doctrine that the real presence of Christ attaches to consecrated bread and wine used in Communion, though he believes that the real spiritual presence of Christ can be with worshippers when gathered together in public worship. For ourselves (whatever might be our private opinions on religious matters) we take the line that there will inevitably be a divergence of opinion on such matters so long as there are different sects of the one great Christian religion. The belief in God and in the divine direction of His universe is so widespread and fundamental that there is no danger of its passing, just because scientists prove that man evolved slowly through a millennium of years, or because a Bishop throws out a challenge respecting one of the ordinances of the Established Church of England. For the great majority of people there is no binding reality in many of the minor points of dogma, which they are content to pass over. If, as it is alleged, these acts of dogma are becoming resented and are partly responsible for the falling off of churchgoers then the fearless utterances of Bishop Barnes will bear good fruit. But we are convinced that there is no danger whatever either to the great spiritual idea of God or to the need of man for spiritual exercises.

A private ricksha knocked down and injured a Chinese boy, aged four years, outside the Hongkong Hotel this morning, about noon. While the mother of the youngster was attending her child, the ricksha made away at full speed, there being no identification possible under the circumstances. The child was hurt in the head, and is also suffering badly from shock.

### DAY BY DAY.

WITHOUT A RICH HEART WEALTH IS AN UGLY BEGGER.—Emerson.

Mr. J. A. Bullock, of the Colonial Secretariat, leaves for Home to-morrow by s.s. Kashmir.

Among the forthcoming marriages announced is that of Mr. Arthur Richard Tavares, of 4, Caine Road, to Miss Gertrude Victoria Sousa, of Minden Avenue, Kowloon.

Enquiries have reached us in connexion with the Scottish Company Sports to-morrow, asking if the dancing competitions are open to ladies. We are informed that entries will be limited to men.

Twelve Chinese appeared before Mr. R. E. Lindsell this morning charged with playing *fan-tan* at one of Messrs. Sang Lee's matchsheds on the Praya East Reclamation. The men pleaded guilty and were fined \$3 each.

The mail by the s.s. Mongolia, from London dated September 29, consisted of 463 bags of letters and 167 bags by parcel post. These were distributed during the Inter-part of yesterday afternoon and this morning.

The topical gazette at the Queen's Theatre to-day shows the start of "Old Glory's" ill-fated attempt to fly across the Atlantic. Both fire-fights and equipment from Kennedy Town and Central, were quickly on the scene, but the ship's company had already taken action and the fire was all but subdued when the appliances arrived.

The blaze commenced in a heap of gunny bags, stowed beneath the rice cargo, which was at the moment in the process of loading.

Applicant at Willesden: I want a summons for assault and wilful damage.

Magistrate: To whom?

Applicant: To me and the parlour window.

Willesden landlady: When I tell him to turn out he threatens to blow up his bedroom door.

Two or three hundred doctors,

lawyers, taxi drivers, business men,

journalists, and chemists, hiding

their identity in the incognito of

the Smith Family, joy-spreaders,

Unlimited, held their annual dinner

in Sydney recently. Sir Henry

Braddon who proposed the toast of

the Smith Family, said there were

innumerable opportunities for joy

spreading, but they must remember

that other people were intent

upon joy spreading too. By

abolishing work on Saturday Mr.

Lang had spread considerable joy.

Along this same line the Smith

Family might bring happiness into

many homes. He, for one, objected

to work on Monday, anyway.

Wasn't it sufficient to work from

Tuesday to Friday? Later they

would probably find it necessary to

dispense gloom by abolishing work

on Tuesday. And if they went

through the whole week like this

they would achieve the highly laudable end of sweeping the primal curse away altogether. Adam was

the cause of it all. He wanted the

apple not for the sake of the apple,

but because it was forbidden. If

the snake had been forbidden he

would have eaten that, too, and

saved us a lot of misery.

There are fashions in spectacles

just as there are fashions in

women's dress.—Mr. J. H. Sutcliffe.

Women are becoming more busi-

ness-like.—Mrs. L. A. Willson,

President of Woman Engineers.

I don't see any prospect of going

back to what might be called the

more "human" method of carrying

on business.—Mr. Fred Hughes.

The State is following a policy

which will lower the moral tone of

the nation when it undertakes to do

work which its citizens ought to

do.—Mr. G. L. Lingstrom.

The comparisons recently drawn

between English and Scottish

theatre audiences in regard to the

bad habit of applauding in the

middle of a scene have moved a cor-

respondent to send me (says "Peter

Simple" in the *Morning Post*)

the following appropriate anecdote

of Mrs. Siddons's experiences when

she was playing *Lady Macbeth* in

Edinburgh:

The first two acts went down in

dead silence, and when it came to

the sleep-walking scene the great

actress put forth all her powers,

vowing before she went on that if

that did not rouse them she would

throw up her engagement. She

had her reward. As the curtain

descended one voice was heard to

exclaim "That's no bad."

A well-known judge often

relieved his judicial wisdom

with a touch of humour.

One day, during the trial

of a case, Mr. Gunn was a

witness in the box, and, as he

hesitated a good deal, and seemed

unwilling, after much persistent

questioning, to tell what he knew,

the judge said to him: "Come,

Mr. Gunn, don't hang fire."

After the examination had closed,

the Bar was convulsed by the judge adding:

"Mr. Gunn, you can go off;

you are discharged."

The continuous programme at

the Star Theatre to-day, which

presents Zang Grey's story, "The

Call of the Canyon" as the chief

item, will end at 8.30, the popular

musical comedy company, the

## WORLD'S PEACE.

## HOW BRITISH POLICY COUNTS.

## NO "RUNNING RISKS."

London, Oct. 27.  
Sir Austen Chamberlain, the Foreign Secretary, spoke on world peace at a luncheon given in his honour by the Aldwych Club. The Diplomatic Corps was strongly represented.

Sir Austen Chamberlain said that the recent meeting of the League of Nations had attracted, in this country, for reasons which one could, well understand, more attention than had usually been attracted by meetings of that assembly. Undoubtedly the failure of the three-Power naval conference had caused the proceedings of the recent assembly to be viewed with a certain amount of anxiety, and additional interest. He had recently read speeches that would lead him almost to suppose that what had passed at the meetings of the League Assembly was unparalleled, and that there was some kind of revolt of the smaller Powers against the greater to a degree of friction and difficulties unknown, and unlike anything which had occurred at any of the assemblies which preceded it.

For himself, the latest assembly seemed very much like, in character, its predecessors. The results of its discussions were distinctly encouraging to those who wished the League to do its work. On this occasion the nations assembled at Geneva had exercised greater freedom in discussing those questions which affected them, and that was due not to the fact that the situation was more dangerous, but that the representatives of the assembled nations were encouraged, by the spirit which now prevailed, to bring into the light of day a discussion of the questions which, in more delicate and dangerous moments, had been reserved for secret conference.

## The Principal Effect.

"The chief result of these discussions," continued Sir Austen Chamberlain, "is that they have served to concentrate attention more closely on the practical aspects of the problems which confront us in the present day and to bring us back from vague phrases and expansive aspirations to deal with those problems patiently, and fulfil those steps which are immediately practicable and reasonable."

It would be foolish of me to pretend that the expression of British policy was popular in all countries. We should be foolish to expect unqualified popularity for our policy, and what we must do is to preserve that respect which British policy has always earned in the eyes of the world. There have been some criticism of that policy, especially amongst speakers at home. There is one danger which I hope all men of all parties will seek to avoid. I hope none will desire to make the League of Nations become the subject of party controversy. I hold it to be the duty of every Foreign Secretary to preserve, within the measure of what is possible, a national policy which, whatever and whenever a change of government may come, will be still a policy which can be pursued with continuity, for upon continuity depends the success of our diplomacy depends."

Referring to the resignation from the Cabinet of Viscount Cecil, Sir Austen Chamberlain said he was not quite sure wherein the differences between himself and Lord Cecil on League questions consisted. "But if I understand Lord Cecil, he would be willing to run risks and undertake obligations which, it seems to me, the trustees of this Empire have neither the right to undertake nor the power to fulfil."

*—British Wireless.*

## THE CHINA NAVAL STATION.

## LATEST APPOINTMENTS.

Among appointments of Royal Marine officers is that of Captain J. H. G. Wills, from Portsmouth, to the cruiser Durban, in China.

It has been decided that the river gunboats Woodcock, Woodlark, and Robin, which are being relieved on the China Station by the new gunboats Tern, Gannet and Seaweed respectively, are to be placed on the disposal list on relief, for sale locally. The new vessels are to be ready by about the middle of November. All three vessels to be sold were built 30 years ago.

The following appointments were made by the Admiralty on Sept. 27: Chaplains, Rev. W. F. Scott, B.A., to Frobisher; and Rev. G. St. L. H. Gosselin, M.A., to Hawkins (undated). Surgeon-Lieut.-Commdr. A. W. North, to Titania (on relief). Surgeon-Lieut.—A. E. Phillips, M.B., to Ambrose (Oct. 17).

## MR. WANG CHING-WEI ARRIVES.

## THE KUOMINTANG LEADER IN HONGKONG.

Mr. Wang Ching-wei, the foremost Kuomintang leader, arrived at Hongkong this morning by the P. & O. steamer Kashmire on his way to Canton from Shanghai.

Mr. Wang left Shanghai on the 25th, and was accompanied by five other Kuomintang commissioners and personal secretaries. Mr. Kam Nai-kwong, who was reported a few days ago to have arrived at Hongkong, was also with party.

The Kashmire with Mr. Wang and his party arrived in port before seven o'clock. A launch and two motor boats were soon gathering around the steamer, with a number of Kuomintang commissioners, officials from Canton and pressmen anxiously waiting to see the distinguished visitor.

Owing to the fact that the steamer was flying the doctor's flag those who went to welcome Mr. Wang were not able to board her till a little after eight o'clock.

Mr. Wang received the visitors on the steamer and shook hands with them one by one. Among those present were Mr. Chan Kung-poh, the Commissioner of Civil Affairs of Kwangtung; Mr. Chau Shiu-yan, the Commissioner of Reconstruction, (a chief subordinate to Wang); Mrs. Liao Chung-kai, Mrs. Chen Kun-poh, Mr. Ma Sheung, the Chief *aide-de-camp* to the late Dr. Sun; Mr. Chan Yiu-cho, formerly Commissioner of Reconstruction, (a brother-in-law of Mrs. Wang); and about a dozen others.

Interviewed by our representative, Mr. Wang declared that he favours the calling of a General Kuomintang Conference to settle the disputes of the Party.

Mr. Wang will go up to Canton in a day or two. His address in Hongkong is being kept rather secret. After landing at Kennedy Town, Mr. Wang left by motor car to stay with friends.

## Meets Gen. Chang Fat-kwai.

We understand that Mr. Wang Ching-wei later this morning had an interview with Gen. Chang Fat-kwai who came down to Hongkong from Canton yesterday.

## SEQUEL TO MOTOR COLLISION.

## \$484 DAMAGES AWARDED.

Holding that the defendant was to blame for the accident, Mr. Justice Wood, in the Summary Court this morning, awarded the Kowloon Motor Bus Company \$484 damages against Mr. Henry Leung.

The case arose out of an collision last month on the Latichok Road.

A motor-bus was struck by defendant's Studebaker car, skidded across the road and overturned, injuring several of the passengers. The bus was badly damaged.

Yesterday, Mr. Justice Wood criticised the Police and commented strongly upon the fact that top-heavy buses were allowed to remain on the road.

Mr. C. A. So Russ appeared for the plaintiff and Mr. H. J. Armstrong appeared for the defendant. Costs were also awarded against defendant when judgment was delivered to-day.

His Lordship stated he was of opinion that the defendant was guilty of negligence in that he accelerated before he was certain of the course the pedestrian, for whom he swerved, intended to take, and as regards the defence's plea of contributory negligence, he held that it was clearly laid down by the authorities that there was no contributory negligence in this case, as the top-heaviness of the bus, even if it existed, was not in any way a factor of the collision.

## RESULT OF FOOTBALL COMPETITION.

## A DIFFICULT COUPON.

Owing to the many unexpected results of last Saturday's Home football matches, the "Telegraph" coupon proved to be extremely difficult.

Out of the twelve matches on the coupon no fewer than six resulted in a draw, there were two "away" wins and only four "home" wins.

It is not surprising therefore that there have been only two claims submitted for the prize, although the number of entries was gratifyingly high.

The prize of \$25 is won by Mrs. R. A. Roberts,

9, E Block, Victoria Barracks.

who succeeded in correctly forecasting nine out of the twelve matches—an extremely creditable effort. Will Mrs. Roberts please call at this office for the prize money?

There was only one other claim submitted—this being in respect of eight correct forecasts.

## SHANGHAI ITEMS.

## THE ARMS TRAFFIC CASE.

## A THEATRE COMPLAINT.

(Our Own Correspondent.)

Shanghai, Oct. 22. By the time these lines are in print, Knight M. Crawley will have received his sentence at the hands of Judge Milton D. Purdy, of the U. S. Court for China, for obtaining the sum of \$73,200 from the representatives of General Yang Sen, by fraudulent pretences.

Judge Purdy has just found Crawley guilty of the offence charged against him and has deferred pronouncing sentence to a later day. Thus ends one of the most sensational criminal trials in the annals of the U. S. Court for China, which has contrived to sustain public interest to white heat.

The case of Crawley, in and of itself, is scarcely any different from the crop of cases that have, from time to time, occupied the attention of the U. S. Court, involving transactions in arms and ammunition, but the chief interest in the present case lies in the fact that Judge Purdy has taken a serious view of activities wherein citizens of the United States, with the utmost callousness, seek to supply arms which ultimately might be instrumental in the shooting down of innocent persons.

The presiding Judge said that the defrauding of General Yang Sen's delegates of this large sum of money would have been cruel and brutal robbery or larceny but for the fact that the arms these men came here to buy were intended to shoot down innocent persons.

At a time when the extra-territorial system in China is being held up toodium and contempt by its opponents and foreign Concessions are being stigmatized as the repository for all manner of abuses, foreigners engaging in the nefarious arms traffic are nothing but betrayers of their own kind, and the sequel to the Crawley case is not a little gratifying to the community as a whole.

Newspapers And Divorce Publicity.

A few days ago, in the course of a divorce case in H. M. Supreme Court, the question arose of the application of the Divorce Act to local newspapers. Before the evidence in the case was heard, counsel for the petitioner asked the presiding Judge if there had yet been any ruling as to whether the Divorce Act, 1926 (which restricts the reporting of divorce cases) applied here in China as regards any who were within the jurisdiction of the Court, and, if so, would it be directed that such people as were within its precincts should leave its precincts.

The Judge replied that the Act in question applied only to England and certain parts of Scotland, and not to the north of Ireland, and, as far as he could see, it did not apply in this country. Therefore, he did not propose to make any ruling under it. This means that the newspapers of Shanghai are free to print whatever they please, no matter however scandalous certain divorce suit details might be.

The absence of any provision empowering judges of H. M. Supreme Court for China to use their discretion in limiting the reporting of this class of lawsuit is disappointing to a degree, for whilst the more reputable newspapers disdain to take advantage of the situation, there is another class of journal which fastens with avidity on salacious details with which to regale its readers, thereby forcing up an artificial circulation because a certain section of the public learn to know what papers to turn to when they want to read a certain class of matter, despite the damage done to foreign social prestige.

A Repertory Company For Shanghai?

Every now and then, an acute controversy develops relative to the precise degree of Shanghai's appreciation of art. Mr. Allan Wilkie, who some years ago toured the Far East with Miss Hutin Britton for a Shakespearean season, night after night had the mortifying experience of facing a woefully scant audience consisting of less than 50 persons, until one night, stepping to the footlights, he told Shanghai exactly what he thought of it, incidentally remarking that the good folks of the Settlement were incapable of appreciating any form of dramatic art unless the purveyors of the entertainment adopted the methods of a circus manager in advertising their wares. For his own part, he promised them that he would never again set foot in Shanghai—and he never did.

Since Mr. Wilkie's time, many theatrical ventures have come and gone, but have never come again. Theatrical productions in Shanghai to-day, both local and imported, are remarkable in point of quantity rather than of quality, which sad

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## EXTRATERRITORIAL "RIGHTS."

## AMERICAN GAOLED FOR FOUR DAYS.

## CONSUL NOT NOTIFIED.

A peculiar infringement of extraterritorial rights of foreigners took place in the Chinese city last week, reports a Shanghai paper. Mr. William M. McKay, an American was driving a motor car last Monday evening near the West Gate, in the course of which he had an accident with a child, whom he immediately took to a foreign hospital, where it was attended to. The child was able to leave the hospital, apparently, and to run off and play. Mr. McKay was, however, arrested and taken to a Chinese police station near the West Gate.

In spite of the fact that Mr. McKay claimed that he was an American citizen no effort was made to notify the American Consulate. It was only Thursday that some interested friends, who were searching for him, notified the American Consul that this man had been missing for several days and that they believed that he was under arrest and detention in a Chinese police station. His intention in going to China was to observe the influence Russia was having on the Nationalist movement. It seemed to him a very serious thing that Russia should get hold of the Nationalist party. When he went back in November last he saw a great deal of the Russian influence on the Nationalists which party they had for a certain time dominated. As a result it was generally known what happened at Hankow and Nanking. The deliberate outbreaks were planned by the Communist element and maintained by the Southern troops under Communist generals. He was in Shanghai when the trouble broke out there.

As soon as the Russians were nominally withdrawn things fell to pieces. He had always said that this would happen as soon as Russian control was withdrawn. At the present time they had in Southern China instead of a unified Nationalist government, all sorts of military bodies acting as controllers of the local districts, making taxes on their own and being in no way different from the old regime of local war lords which the Cantonese had declared they were going to overthrow. There was the same incompetence, corruption, disloyalty and the several vices which were to be found in numerous phases of the revolution.

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Nationalist Movement Demoralised.

At the present time the whole Nationalist movement was thoroughly demoralised. All the generals and politicians were out for themselves. They had no money at all. The people had suffered greatly through all those officers, everybody was poor, more discouraged and more disillusioned. The main story was carried by Edmund Nash (Tony) and Frances Day (Eileen) who were heard to much advantage in delightful duets, particularly "When a Girl's In Love with a Man" and "Eileen." The whole company contributed towards the success of a lively show which was splendidly produced, considerable attention having been devoted to the extremely effective scenery, while the dresses were all in keeping with the Swiss atmosphere, which formed the basis of the show.

This evening, the Quaints presented "Oh Joy" at the Star Theatre, Kowloon.

## THE CAPTIVE FRENCH PARTY.

## MANY FINGERS IN THE PIE.

Casablanca, Oct. 27. The Pasha of the Beni Mellal people has returned to the base after establishing a system of communication with the French hunting party, of two ladies and two men, who were taken captive on October 23, by means of native runners, and he has also arranged to prevent too many participating in the negotiations for their release.

The tribe of Aikalmiou Said has allowed the passage of the prisoners through its territory, on condition that it be entrusted with the negotiations.—*Reuter.*

Penang, Oct. 20. While the Harbour Board launch Alert was crossing to Butterworth last night the propeller fouled a sampan in which there were four Chinese fishermen. The sampan was capsized but three of the men were rescued, the fourth man being drowned.

## CHINA'S CHAOS.

## PERCIVAL PHILLIPS VIEWS.

## CULT OF COMMUNISM.

Sir Percival Phillips, special correspondent of the *Daily Mail*, who has been for some time in China and is visiting Java on a holiday, paid a brief visit to Singapore. He left the Malwa on Wednesday afternoon last week, stayed for a day or two at the Europe Hotel, and left on Friday afternoon.

Sir Percival gave an interview to a representative of the *Singapore Free Press* in the course of which he expressed some views on the present situation in China. He said that he went to China last November and was in Hankow when we lost the concession. His last visit to the East was when he also went to Australia. He was a passenger on board the steamer *Marella* which was severely damaged after a collision with an oil tanker just off the East Coast.

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However, Russia was still determined to bring China a fortuitous line with her own Soviet principles. She had sent out an entirely new lot of organisers and experts of various kinds from Moscow and the principal centre was Shanghai.

These people were keeping in close touch with Chinese Communists and were working much more carefully than previously. They realised the mistakes they had made in the previous movement. There was no doubt that the Communist effort was there. When he left China a fortnight ago there was a steady and very alarming new manifestation of Communist activity. When he left Hankow the Seamen's Union, the most powerful of the industrial movements, had gone past under the control of the red element. The end of the Communist efforts in China had not been seen but at the same time he thought that the more considerable element among the Chinese particularly the merchant class now realised that they were much worse off than they were before. There was a better feeling towards the British and serious efforts were being made to bring about a better understanding and co-operation which would eventually have a good effect.

The student element, said Sir Percival, had simply run wild. It was far more what he would call an inferiority complex than a genuine desire to revolutionise the country from political quarters. "These" said Sir Percival, "are my own views. There are many who disagree with me. I went to China with an open mind. The whole recent movement was on the wrong lines and being allowed to drift into the hands of the Russians there came a mischievous and highly dangerous movement."

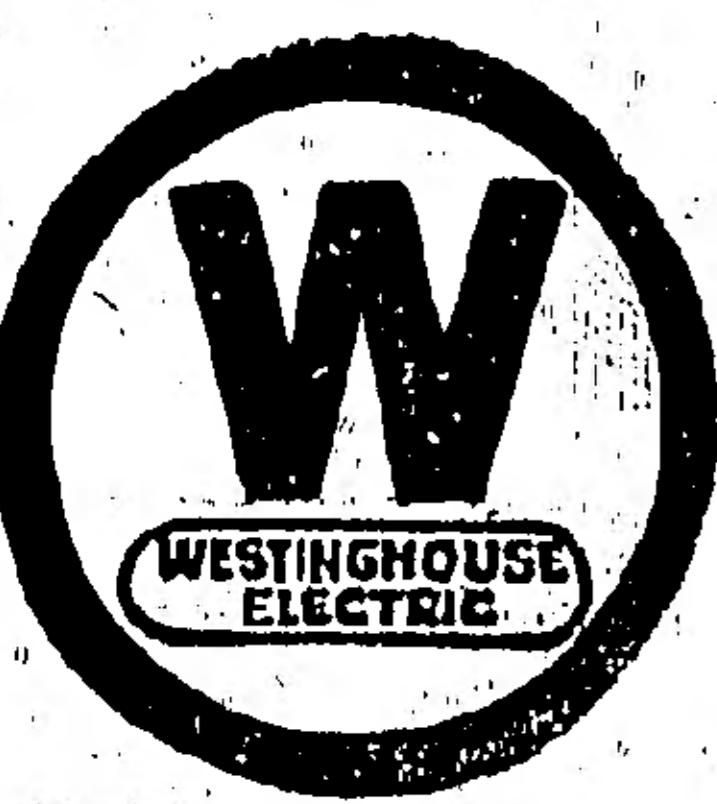
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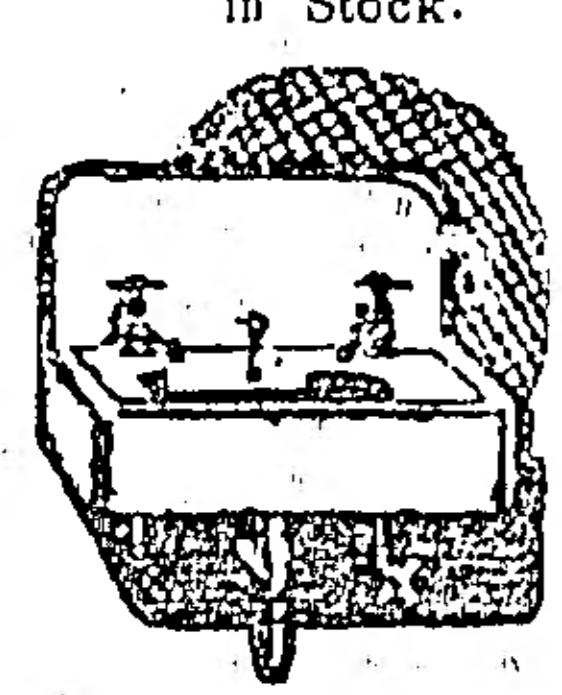
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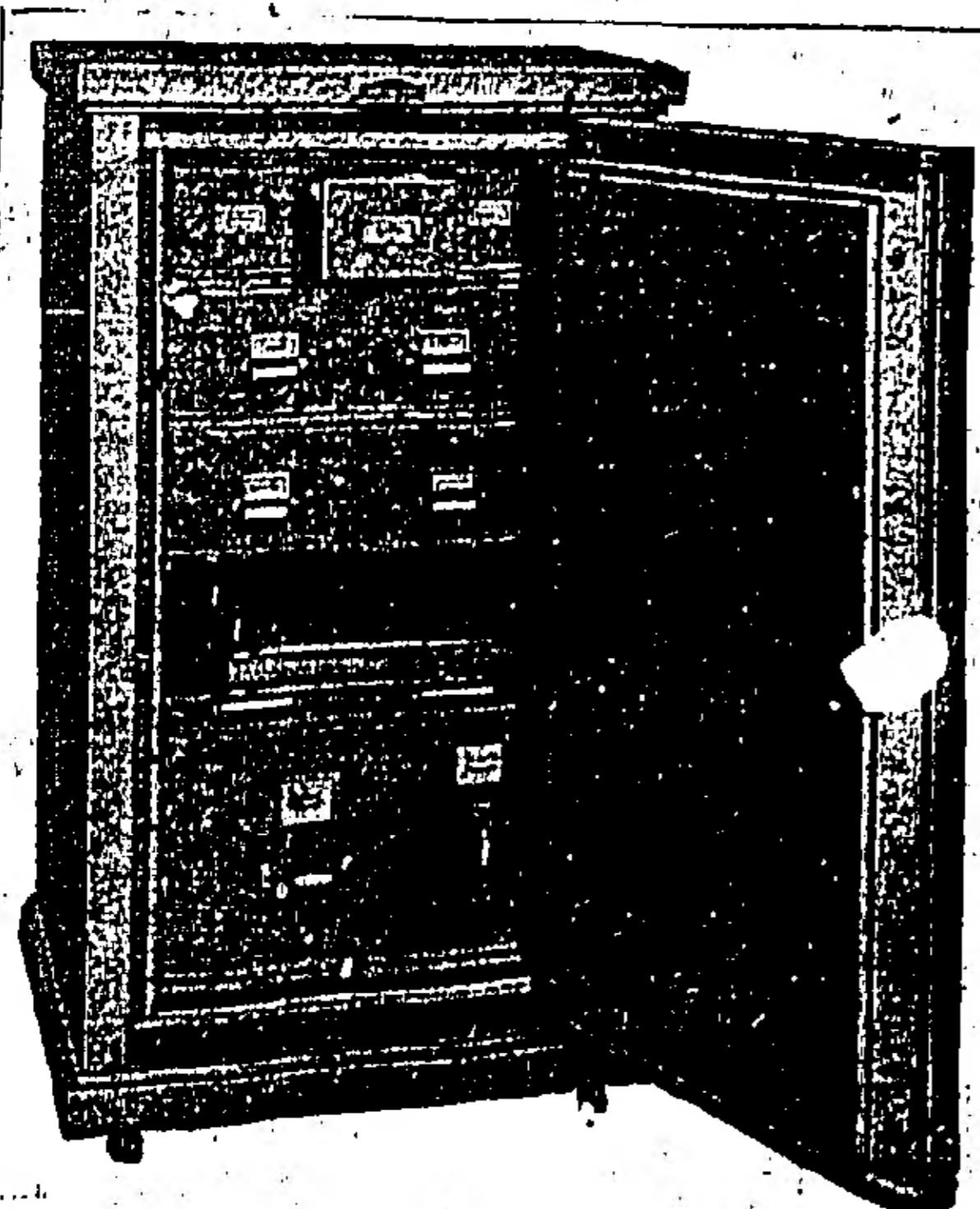
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## LEAGUE SOCCER.

### TO-MORROW'S LOCAL MATCHES.

### H. K. F. C. POSTPONEMENT.

[By "Wanderer"]

A minor adjustment has been made in the Hongkong Football League programme for to-morrow on account of the postponement of the H.K.F.C. games.

The Scots Guards will oppose the Recreio, thus entailing up the match postponed last Saturday. This game, and that between the Chinese Athletic and the R.A. appear to be the most interesting matches scheduled.

The struggle among the six leading clubs is now becoming interesting, and the next week or so may be expected to settle things one way or another.

### THE FIXTURE LIST.

The fixture list, together with grounds, times of kick-off and the referees appointed, is appended:

#### Senior Division.

K.O.S.B. v. South China—Sookunpo, 4.30 p.m.—Mr. Gilbert.  
Recreio v. Scots Guards—Recreio, 4.30 p.m.—Capt. Austin.  
Kowloon v. R.A.F.—Kowloon, 4.30 p.m.—Mr. Rogers.  
Queen's V. Police—U.S.R.C.—4.30 p.m.—Mr. Hyson.  
Chinese Ath. v. R.A.—Club, 4.30 p.m.—Mr. Baldwin.

#### Junior Division "A."

S. China "B" v. K.O.S.B.—Sookunpo, 3 p.m.—Mr. Gilmour.  
St. Joseph's v. Kowloon—St. Joseph's, 3 p.m.—Mr. Lamb.  
Recreio v. University—Recreio, 3 p.m.—Mr. Stokes.  
S. China "A" v. Chinese Ath.—Club, 3 p.m.—Mr. Smith.

#### Junior Division "B."

St. Joseph's v. S. China "A"—St. Joseph's, 4.30 p.m.—Mr. Samy.  
Kowloon v. Chinese Ath. Kowloon, 3 p.m.—Mr. Blackwood.  
Moslems v. S. China "B"—S. China 3 p.m.—Mr. Hutchins.  
Boy Scouts v. Kung Woo—S. China, 4.30 p.m.—Mr. Presley.

### Fixture Readjustment.

As will be observed, the Club de Recreio, instead of entertaining the H.K.F.C. as scheduled in the original list, will be faced by the stronger opposition of the Scots Guards. Both Club matches have been postponed on account of the Scottish Company sports.

The Scots Guards suffered their first League defeat on Wednesday, while the Recreio have as yet been undefeated. A very keen game is certain and the robust tactics of the Scots Guards may upset general anticipations that the Recreio will achieve a further victory.

#### K.O.S.B. Should Win.

The Borderers appear to be getting into their stride and they should experience little difficulty in gaining full points at the expense of South China. The latter team shows little signs of improvement on the early season form, while the K.O.S.B. forward line is getting more on the mark, the return of the Rev. Alexander having effected a noticeable improvement.

#### Lowly Placed.

Kowloon and the Royal Air Force, occupying the two lowest positions in the league table at present, meet on the Kowloon ground and a tight struggle for betterment of their respective positions is assured.

There is a doubt whether Sims will be able to turn out for the home side. If he is absent his loss will be a severe one. Kowloon lost last week to the Police but the general improvement in teamwork was conspicuous and they hope to win their second match. The R.A.F. have yet to register their first league success.

#### Interesting Tussle.

The match between the Police and the Queen's Royal Regiment at the U.S.R.C. ground should be interesting as a tussle between one of the best defences in the league and one of the smartest forward lines.

Woodwards is probably the most deadly shot whilst he is saved a considerable amount of work by the wonderfully clever play of Barclay on his left. The Queen's will start favourites, but they are not expected to win any too comfortably.

## THE BIG FIGHT.

### Lake and Nixon both CONFIDENT.

### TO-MORROW'S TOURNEY.

[By "Wanderer"]

If keenness counts for anything the battle between Lake and Nixon for the lightweight championship of the Colony at the City Hall tournament to-morrow night, will, in common parlance, prove a humdinger. Confidence permeates both camps to an extent which promises a very spirited encounter.

Nixon has been in the hands of "Sky" Kerrison, who is very sure of his man, and there can be little doubt that Nixon is not entering the ring on reputation alone. He has shown enough in his training (undertaken very seriously) to indicate that he knows the game pretty thoroughly apart from his punching ability, and the lighter-footed Lake will need all his nimbleness to keep him out of harm's way.

Lake also has put his very best into his training under Sgt. Hunt, and in a try-out on Wednesday against some heavier opponents, he gave every reason for continued confidence in his ability. The semi-final bids fair to provide an entertaining contest in addition. Stoker Britt is a hardened warrior with plenty of go, and Lingworth, who comes from the "school" trained by Petty Officer Burgess at the Naval Canteen, is credited with excellent showings in his work-outs.

Boxers in the Colony at the present time are nearly all centred round four training schools. Petty Officer Burgess has some capable youngsters coming on splendidly; "Kid" Marriott has Stoker Britt as well as several other good men under his wing; Sgt. R. J. Hunt trains Lake, Hume, Smith and a host of others; while last but not least "Sky" Kerrison is directing the efforts of Nixon, Huff and Pte. George along the right channels.

These "camps" are all for the good of the sport in the Colony, and assist materially in eliminating the never-likely-to-improve novitiate from local tournaments.

Charged with the possession of two Luger automatic guns and an arrangement which could convert these into machine guns, a Chinese was sentenced to a year's hard labour this morning. The case was heard before two Magistrates, R. E. Lindsell and Major C. Willson, sitting together.

#### R.A. Improvement.

The Royal Artillery's play against the R.A.F. on Wednesday was a distinct improvement on their performance against the Club last week. However, they will be opposed to-morrow by different mettle, and it will occasion considerable surprise if the Chinese Athletic fail to garner full points.

#### With the Juniors.

The K.O.S.B. will, I suppose, continue their goal-scoring orgy when they meet South China "B" in the Junior "A". There is no indication at present that anything will arise in the division to stop the walk-over victories of the K.O.S.B. Reserves. Kowloon are well represented against St. Joseph's and if there is any improvement forward they should defeat St. Joseph's. The Recreio and Chinese Athletic are also expected to win.

#### Club v. United Services.

Yesterday the Shanghai Golf Club registered an easy win by 14 points to 4 over the United Services Association. Singles were played in the morning and four balls in the afternoon.

#### Next Wednesday.

On Wednesday next, the K.O.S.B. are meeting the Queen's Royal Regiment in a league match at Sookunpo, Mr. Phillips being in charge of the game.

#### Junior Players.

Resolutions regulating the movements of junior players from one team to another were passed by the League Management Committee at its meeting last night. Players who engage in more than two Junior "A" matches, may not play in Junior "B" games, without permission, and where clubs have more than one team in a division, players must be specifically registered for each team, and may not be moved from one to another, with the formality of transfer under the rules.

Points were awarded to the Moslem Club in respect of their match with Kowloon "B", which was cancelled.

Quigley carried on after Stokes, and succeeded in hitting the winning run.

## GREYHOUND RACING FOR SHANGHAI.

### ASSOCIATION FORMED FOR COURSES.

### EXPERTS ON THE WAY.

Arrangements are nearing completion for the opening of the first greyhound racing track ever known in the Far East; a Greyhound Association of China has been formed in close touch with the Greyhound Association of Great Britain; and a club composed of members of the principal sporting clubs in Shanghai is in process of formation.

A site for the proposed track has been selected, plans have been drawn up and submitted to the Greyhound Association of Great Britain for criticism, machinery has been ordered and will be leaving England within a few days, and a batch of 70 greyhounds has been purchased and will shortly be on its way there. The course will be 510 yards in circumference, which corresponds with the distance over which hounds race on the newer and better tracks at Home. It is proposed to build a club-house, with an enclosure for members, and grand stands for the general public. A pari-mutuel system will satisfy the ambitions of the punter.

A general manager for the association, Major Duncan Campbell, has been engaged through the British association. Major Campbell is well-known on greyhound tracks at Home, having had a great deal of experience in the management of the White City and Harringay courses. A staff of greyhound trainers has also been engaged. Cost £35 Each.

It has been the aim of the promoters to bring out only good hounds, of level performance and with few vices. The average price of this first batch of hounds is £25. Special kennels will be built for them, if possible, at some distance from the track, as it is considered that the excitement of the races will thus not act upon the nerves of the hounds who are not running. Sub-Griffins Principle.

At first, at any rate, racing will be conducted on the subscription-griffins principle. Members of the club will sign for hound, very much in the same way as racing men sign for sub-griffins at the Shanghai Race Club and the I.R.C. Hounds will be apportioned by lot. This system, it is considered, will give all prospective owners a fair chance, and will do away with the possibility of a few wealthy owners buying expensive hounds on their own initiative and cleaning up all races locally. Later it may be possible to introduce races for privately imported hounds.—Shanghai Times.

## GOLF IN SHANGHAI.

### FINE PERFORMANCE BY MR. D. E. LANDALE.

There was much interesting golf in Shanghai during last week-end. In the first place the arrival here of D. E. Landale, who was runner-up in the British amateur championship this year, provided the possibility of an exciting game, and additional attention was given to it from the fact that Captain A. G. Barry, who has held the championship would participate in it. The match arranged took place at Kiangwan on Saturday afternoon, when a four ball foursome was played with Landale and J. F. Pilcher on one side, and Captain Barry and Captain Hutchison on the other. The latter pair won by four up and three to play. Landale went out in 34 and was home in 39, having a total of 73, while Captain Hutchison was 74. The underhand grip which Landale uses seemed to cause him to hook many shots; otherwise his score would have been much better. It is of interest to mention that for 17 holes Captain Barry had a score of 68.

London, Oct. 27.  
Oxford University beat the New South Wales Rugby football team, known as the Waratahs, by three points to nil.

This is the first defeat the Waratahs have sustained on their present tour in England.—British Wireless.

## SHANGHAI'S CRICKET TEAM.

### INTERPORT ELEVEN SHINES.

Pat Madar was the hero of the last interport trial cricket match played at Shanghai on Sunday between the Interport XI and the Rest of Shanghai, drawn from the S.C.C. and the Shaforce, scoring a faultless 101, not out, to set the seal on the easy victory of the interports.

Batting first the Rest, captained by Mr. G. M. Billings, himself an interporter of old experience, were dismissed for 137 runs.

The Interport XI opened with Madar and Stokes. The two settled down quickly and before St. Keegan was dismissed with a well played 30 to his credit, they had put up 100 runs. The two batsmen had a double century between them. Quigley carried on after Stokes, and succeeded in hitting the winning run.

## OUR FOOTBALL COMPETITION.

### PRIZE OF \$50 WEEKLY.

The "Hongkong Telegraph" offers a prize of \$50 to the readers who send in twelve correct forecasts of the results of the English and Scottish Football League matches (to be played on Saturday next, October 29th) set out in the Coupon below. No goal scores are required; only forecasts showing wins or draws.

In the event of no reader forecasting all twelve matches, a prize of \$25 will be given to the reader who sends in the greatest number of correct forecasts; and in the event of two or more readers sending in an equal high number, the prize of \$25 will be divided.

The competition is in accordance with the rules published in the "Telegraph" during the weeks August 29—September 24.

## "HONGKONG TELEGRAPH" FORECAST COMPETITION.

Matches to be played on October 29th:—

#### DIVISION I.

Leicester v. Cardiff  
Sheffield U. v. Birmingham  
Aston Villa v. Newcastle

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## NEW SERIAL STORY

## THE MERAFIELD MYSTERY.

By R. A. J. WALLING.  
(Author of "The Third Degree," "Fatal Love," etc.)

## CHAPTER XI.

This was a strange story of Merafield's. I was careful not to put too much on it. Possibly I had come upon a vital piece of evidence bearing on the fate of Merafield. Possibly not. I might be utterly wrong in assuming any connexion between the occupant of the motor-boat and the experiences of Merafield and Overbury on the Monday afternoon.

But if Overbury remained in hiding and nothing could be discovered of Littlecrap's eccentric customer, it was plain that nothing more could be learnt about what happened on the lugger. Overbury was silent. The cormorant shooter was dead. The cormorant shooter was missing. The secret, whatever it was, had been known only among those three.

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"To be Continued."

RUBBER RESTRICTION  
IN MALAYA.REDUCTION IN STANDARD  
SYSTEM OF TAPPING.

A supplement to the F.M.S. Government Gazette published at Kuala Lumpur last week rescinds rules 6 to 19 made under the Rubber (Restriction) Enactment, 1924, and substitutes others dealing with standard production.

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## LOCAL BOXING.

ANNUAL MEETING OF THE  
ASSOCIATION.

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I would like to call members' attention to the request of the committee, contained in their report that members should send in their subscriptions as soon as possible, and without waiting for reminders.

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## Death of Stoker Morris.

It is a matter of very great regret to our Association to learn that Stoker Morris died recently on his way home to England. As his performances in the ring last season showed, he was very fine boxer, and his death will leave a distinct void in boxing circles. On behalf of the Committee and members of this Association, I would tender to his relatives and friends our heartfelt sympathy in their bereavement. Where are you?"

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## RUNNING FIGHT.

ROBBER AND POLICEMAN  
KILLED IN STRUGGLE.

A Sikh policeman was shot dead by armed robbers last Friday evening in the Shina district. In the course of the struggle which brought about this tragedy Chinese constables wounded one armed robber and killed another. During the chase a pedestrian was killed and another was wounded.

The courage and valour of the police party throughout the affair is a tribute to the rank and file of the entire force.

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The affair began about 6 p.m. in the French Concession. A gang of armed robbers simultaneously entered two adjacent shops in Rue Rattard, three in each party. They successfully completed their respective raids and one party made off into the Settlement.

## Shop Assistant in Chase.

A shop assistant from the victimized wine-shop—the other was a rice shop—followed the first gang. As they entered the Settlement he informed a Chinese constable on point duty at Chungking Road, where they had passed over Manila Road.

The constable hailed them, whereupon they fired twice. He immediately gave chase, firing as he ran. His whistling and shots brought aid from five additional C.P.C.s and a Sikh constable. The policemen followed them to Weihaiwei Road, and at the intersection with Chungking Road, a police bullet killed one of the gang.

## Exciting Chase.

The remainder followed the other two west along Weihaiwei Road along the other section of Chungking Road. Here they partially overtook one robber, and on closer range the party's shooting became more accurate and the bandit fell to the ground, with three bullets in the abdomen.

The chase after the remaining robber continued along Mandalay Road, Taku Road, and South Chengtu Road. The deceased Sikh constable, who was on duty here, joined in the chase. He fired four shots of the five in his carbine but the robber put up a running fight with him. About 50 yards north of Weihaiwei Road, towards which the robber ran, he turned and with one shot struck the Sikh in the forehead. He died instantly.

Unfortunately, during the chase a Chinese assistant in a cigarette shop, sitting on the kerb in Mandalay Road, was struck by it is believed, one of the robber's bullets. A child, however, that he was holding in his arms, was not wounded. A pedestrian was shot in the leg, near the intersection of Chungking Road with Taku Road.

## SOVIET MINISTERS:

## AN EXCHANGE OF POSTS.

Moscow, Oct. 27. Madame Kollontay, Soviet Minister to Mexico, and M. Yakar, Soviet Minister to Norway, have exchanged posts.—*Renter.*

The report and accounts were unanimously adopted.

Officials for the ensuing year were elected as follows: Chairman, Mr. R. M. Dyer, Vice-chairman, Mr. J. Scott Harston, Official Referee, Mr. A. Murdoch, Manager, Mr. J. Brook, Secretary and Treasurer, Mr. T. G. Bennett, Hon. Auditor, Mr. John Fleming, General Committee, Messrs. C. Bond, S. J. Clarke, W. Logan, H. G. Sheldon and W. Ward.

## The Annual Report.

The report of the Association for the year ending June 30, states: The tournament accounts show a profit of \$2,718.85 and the general account a profit of \$61.61 and the amount now standing to the credit of the Association in the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation and in the hands of the Hon. Treasurer is \$3,747.88.

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The Featherweight Championship was won by A. B. Hindle, H.M.S. Delhi, who defeated A. B. Halligan, H.M.S. Frotherer, on points.

Mention should be made of the various units sent to reinforce the forces in China arrived in Hongkong, and for their benefit an extra tournament was run by your Association in May. Since that time a number of men in these units have been training, and there is every promise that during the coming season the "noble Art" will be more flourishing than ever.

The opening tournament of the season was originally fixed for November 5 next, but owing to the fact that one of the contestants, in the main event is leaving the Colony on the 30th instant, and in view of other possible movements in the Services, it has been arranged to bring the tournament forward to Saturday, the 20th instant.

The main event at that tournament will be a contest between Stoker Percy Linke (H.M.S. Durban) and Private Nixon (23rd Mechanical Transport Company) for the Light-weight Championship of the Colony.

Before closing I desire to mention and thank Mr. Brook our manager, for the very good work he has done for the Association—the value of which I am sure is as much appreciated by the Members as it is by your Committee.

On September 1, or as soon as possible afterwards, a statement of the proposed assessment for the next year will be made to the owner.

*To be Continued.*

## BANKS.

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## THE VOLUNTEERS.

## ORDERS FOR THE COMING WEEK.

No. 300. Hongkong Volunteer Defence Corps.

Orders by Lieut.-Colonel L. G. Bird, D.S.O. Administrative Commandant.

Hongkong, October 28, 1927.

1. Corp Drill Parade.—A Corp Drill Parade for the benefit of those trained men wishing to pass drill tests Nos. 1 to 4 inclusive for the training year 1927-1928 will take place on Friday, 28th October, at Corps Headquarters at 5.30 p.m. Dress: Drill uniform.

2. Armistice Day Parade.—The Scottish Company have been selected to represent the Corps at the celebrations at the Cenotaph on Friday, 11th November, 1927. Full instructions will be issued direct to O.C. Scottish Company.

3. Musketry.—The Infantry Company will fire Part II at Stonecutters Range on Sunday, 30th October, 1927.

All those who have not fired Part II must attend on that date. Range Officer: Lieut. A.H. Penn.

Launch will leave Murray Pier at 9 a.m. and call at Kowloon Pier at 9.10 a.m.

Dress: Uniform or mufti optional, but rifle, bayonet, pouches, braces and belt must be worn.

Arms will be drawn from Corps Headquarters on Friday, 28th October, between 9 a.m. and 12 noon, or 2 and 4 p.m. or 5 and 6 p.m. and on Saturday, 29th October, between 9 a.m. and 1 p.m.

4. Artillery Company.

Parade at Corps Headquarters on Thursday, 3rd November, at 5.30 p.m. for Battery Drill, Laying and Director.

Signal Section as per programme.

5. Engineer Company.

Signal Section. There will be a lecture on Signal Procedure at 5.30 p.m. on Monday, 31st October, at Corps Headquarters.

Thursday, 3rd November. Parade at Corps Headquarters at 5.30 p.m. for Signal Instruction.

6. Mounted Infantry Company.

Parade at Stables at 5.30 p.m. on Tuesday, 1st November, Dress: Mufti.

7. Armoured Car Company.

The Company will parade as strong as possible at 5.30 p.m. on Friday, 28th October. Dress: Uniform with hosepots and helmets, belt, rifle and sidearms. Rifles must be drawn before the parade and cleaned ready for inspection at 5.30 p.m.

Monday, 31st October, 1927. Armoured Car Crew A and B Subsections parade at 5.15 p.m. at Corps Headquarters and proceed to Kennedy Road Range for firing Machine Guns.

Motor Cyclists, parade under 2/Lieut. Hancock at 5.30 p.m. for special Machine Gun Class.

A Field Day will be held on Sunday, 13th November. All members of the Company are asked to keep this date open.

8. M. I. and A. C. Companies.

Musketry Part II will be fired on Sunday, 6th November at Stonecutters Range. Range Officer: Lieut. J. Norrie.

This is the last opportunity for members of the above Companies who have not fired Part II to attend.

9. Infantry Company.

Musketry Part II. See Order No. 3.

Friday, 28th October at 5.30 p.m. All N.C.O.'s and other ranks as detailed by O.C. Company will parade at Corps Headquarters for a special N.C.O.'s Course of training in Vickers Gun.

No. 1 Platoon. Parade at Corps Headquarters on Tuesday, 1st November at 5.30 p.m. for Machine Gun Instruction. Dress: Mufti, rifles and bayonet will not be required.

No. 2 Platoon. Parade at Corps Headquarters at 5.30 p.m. on Tuesday, 1st November. Dress: Mufti, rifle, bayonet and belt.

10. No. 4 Platoon.

There will be a lecture on Signal Procedure at 5.30 p.m. on Monday, 31st October in the Lecture Room.

Thursday, 3rd November. Parade at Corps Headquarters at 5.30 p.m. for Signal Instruction.

11. Scottish Company.

Thursday, 3rd November at 5.30 p.m. All Platoons for Vickers Gun Instruction at Platoon Headquarters. Full strength parade from now on are essential to complete programme of work prior to camp.

12. Portuguese Company.

Trained Men who have not passed Drill Tests 1-4 parade with Corps Parade on Friday, 28th October.

All other men parade with Company Headquarters at 5.30 p.m. on Friday, 28th October for Lewis Gun Instruction and Drill. Dress: Mufti, belt and bayonet frog.

13. Promotion.

No. 385 L/Cpl. D. Lyon, No. 7 Platoon is promoted to Corporal, as from 10. 10. 27.

14. Leave.

The following are granted leave of absence from the Corps.

Lieut. R. L. Moncrieff, A. C. Company from 15. 11. 27 to 14. 11. 28.

No. 866 Cpl. Ho Leung, A. C. Company from 26. 10. 27 to 21. 11. 27.

No. 867 Pte. Ho Ki, A. C. Company from 25. 10. 27 to 21. 11. 27.

No. 1204 Pte. D. Bautista, No. 4 Platoon from 5. 11. 27 to 4. 5. 28.

No. 792 L/Serf. E. J. Spradbury, A. C. Company rejoined from leave on 24. 10. 27.

No. 367 Spr. G. S. Kennedy-Skipper, Engineer Company rejoined from leave on 23. 10. 27.

15. Struck off the Strength.

The following, having completed three years' service and claimed his discharge, as from 1. 10. 27.

No. 640 Gunner D. B. Bone, Artillery Company on Medical Grounds, as from 19. 10. 27.

No. 1224 Drummer B. M. Vieira, Portuguese Band.

R. A. Wolf-Murray, Major, Adjutant, H.K.V.D. Corps.

Notice.

1. Sports Meeting.—There will be a Meeting of the Hongkong Volunteer Defence Corps Sports Committee on Friday, 28th October at 6.30 p.m. and also on Tuesday, 1st November, 1927 at 6.00 p.m. at Volunteer Headquarters.

2. Scottish Company.—Company Sports for "Kee Cheong" Cup will be held on Saturday, 29th October at the ground of the Kowloon British School, King's Park, Kowloon, commencing at 2 p.m. A good attendance is requested.

Hallowe'en Dinner and Concert.—Uniform or mufti is optional, but it is hoped that all members of the Company attending will do so in uniform. Dress: Tunic, belt, garter, kit, sporran, dice, hose, flashes and spats.

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London, Oct. 27.

Lord Iveagh's will will probably be admitted to probate at £11,000,000. The estate duty of £4,400,000 will be the largest single payment in recent times.

Large gifts have been made to public bodies. Lord Iveagh bequeaths Kenwood estates of 74 acres to the nation from 1935, and gives a large number of pictures, valued at £80,000 from his gallery, which is the finest private collection in the world, to be placed in the mansion on the estate, which will be converted into a public art gallery.—Reuters.

Handsome Gifts.

The will of the late Earl of Iveagh will probably be admitted to probate in a sum of not less than £11,000,000 and estate duty to the amount of £4,400,000 will be paid in the course of the next few days.

The duties on the estates of other millionaires which have come into the Treasury receipts for the current year include £2,000,000 offered to the Chancellor of the Exchequer by Lady Houston in respect of the estate of her late husband, who died in the Channel Islands; the sum of £1,500,000 in respect of the estate of late Lord Cowdray; £640,000 from the estate of Mrs. Douglas Hamilton and £313,000 from that of Lord Lansdowne.

Large gifts are made to public bodies under Lord Iveagh's will and including £60,000 to the King Edward the Seventh Hospital fund for London. The income from £65,000 to Saint Patrick's Cathedral, Dublin for such time as the cathedral shall be used for the Protestant Church of Ireland. The income from £125,000 to be devoted to augmentation of the living of poorer clergy of the Protestant Church in Ireland. Regarding the mansion and seven-and-a-half acres of meadow and woodland known as Kenwood, purchased by Lord Iveagh to be reserved to the public as an extension of Hampstead Heath, the will expresses the wish that the mansion be converted at the expense of the estate into a public art gallery to be open to the public. To found this gallery Lord Iveagh bequeaths from his large private collection, said to be one of the finest in the world, a number of pictures valued at about £300,000. Lord Iveagh personally collected pictures which will include fourteen by Reynolds, ten by Romney, several by Gainsborough and others by Lawrence, Turner, Crome, Hopper, Morland, Raeburn, Vandyck, Rembrandt, and Vermeer.—British Wireless.

PARIS, Oct. 27.

As a result of the latest exchange of Franco-American Notes on the subject of tariffs the Minister, M. Bokowski, has announced that a definite agreement is in sight. A step forward has been taken by the establishment of a provisional regime governing commercial relations during the period of the negotiations necessary to adjust certain details whereby France concedes to the United States the same duties as were enjoyed before the signing of the Franco-German Commercial Treaty, except in the event of the minimum customs tariff conceded to Germany being higher than such duties.

As a protest against the heavy taxation on the river above Chungking merchants are holding on to their goods, with the result that only two or three out of a total of about 20 Chung-king-Suifu boats are running. There does not seem to be a shortage of cargo for the larger steamers going down to Ichang, and freight rates are £1s. 3 per picul on downward cargo.

An "Inspection Tax."

General Yang Sen imposed a special "inspection tax" at Pantoum, and charged large ships \$400 inspection fees, and smaller ones \$200. For some unaccountable reason this imposition has been abolished. Yang, too, is said to be short of funds, but this is hard to understand, as his income for the six weeks ending September 15 from the special opium tax at Wanhsien was one and a half million dollars.

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Police Station, and by making an affidavit on unjustifiable grounds, that same affidavit leading to the warrant of arrest being issued by his Worship.

Continuing, Mr. Lo said, that from the very beginning he had told his Worship what the man's defence was. He had many times, and that while continuing in his position as an assistant at the Netherlands India Commercial Bank, he was commissioned to fill cheque blanks for this partner of the Ming Fat Hong before the latter put his signature to them, and if any attempt had been made to forge a cheque and obtain money on it, defendant assuredly would have more or less tried to imitate not only the partner's signature but also the handwriting in the body of the cheque as well. Defendant never tried to do that.

Continuing Mr. Lo said: This rich corporation, the Yokohama Specie Bank, apparently was defrauded in June and I put it to you that it is outrageous that this bank should summarily, on the word of one man who says, "I have information against him" arrest defendant, and again after going to the trouble of briefing Counsel, say that they were offering no evidence."

Mr. Lo then went on to stress the fact that he had pressed on previous occasions for the case to be proceeded with, but was put off by Mr. Jenkins, who at the last hearing, said that he had his case well in hand, but required time to make a complete presentation of it, as he did not wish to present it piecemeal. Now, he said that he had no evidence to offer, and wished to withdraw the charge, but that was only after dragging the defendant through the process of a criminal court without justifiable grounds. The prosecution had given no reason, and Mr. Lo suggested that perhaps the Yokohama Specie Bank were halted in their case by the apprehension of civil proceedings which might result from a wrongfull arrest.

Mr. Jenkins Leaves.

At this stage, Mr. Jenkins quietly gathered his papers and left the Court. Noticing this, Mr. Lo said: Your Worship, I am sure of an intelligent anticipation that the prosecution is not likely to tell you anything, because I see Counsel is leaving the Court. It is absolutely an outrage on the Court that Mr. Jenkins should have left the Court at this stage. I don't understand this, and I don't think there is any precedent for it.

Mr. Lo then continued his address, criticising the police, who he understood also were taking no action; also he said they had first committed themselves to it on what was a definite statement. The administration of justice, said Mr. Lo, had been availed of in the wrong way. Mr. Lo finally invited his Worship to say such words of sympathy as he could give to the case.

Mr. Lindsell to Sergeant Carey: Do the police now suspect anybody else in this forgery?

After a pause, Sergeant Carey replied that he could give no evidence against any other person.

Mr. Lindsell: Well then, defendant is discharged. As far as I can see the information has been based on insufficient knowledge. The prosecution withdrawing, there is no stain on the defendant now before the Court.

**HAUL OF ILLICIT OPIUM.****DISCOVERIES ON THE SEANG BEE.**

Pering, Oct. 19.

Yesterday the officers of the Government Monopolies Department discovered \$8,000 worth of illicit opium aboard the Seang Bee. Two Chinese were arrested, and appeared before the magistrate this morning.

One was remanded in custody, the other was allowed bail of \$8,000.

A Second Discovery.

Early this morning the marine police became suspicious as to the movements of a sampan near the same ship. They awaited the sampan's arrival at Weld Quay and then searched it, discovering 1,422 lbs. of illicit opium, valued at \$9,000.

No arrests were made in this case.

**LATEST DIVIDENDS.**

Messrs. Carroll Bros. have been advised of the following dividends on Rubber and Mining shares: Kempas 10% final, making 35% for the year. Mandai-Tekong 5% final making Petaling 5% (4th) interim, 10% for the year.

**REVISED CEYLON SALARIES.****INCREASES FOR GOVERNOR AND COLONIAL SECRETARY.**

The Times of Ceylon learns that the emoluments of H.E. the Governor and the Colonial Secretary, Ceylon, will be increased as from the 1st of this month.

The Salaries Committee is recommending that the emolument of His Excellency, which at present is £7,000 sterling, of which £1,500 is an entertainment allowance, should be increased by £1,000 sterling, of which £500 will represent an increase in the entertainment allowance.

In regard to the Colonial Secretary's emolument, the proposal is to raise it from £2,400 sterling to £3,000 sterling per annum. It has not been definitely decided yet whether the increase in the Colonial Secretary's emolument should represent an entertainment allowance.

The Secretary of State for the Colonies suggested that the salaries of the Governor and the Colonial Secretary should be raised at the revision of salaries some years ago, but owing to the acute controversy at the time the increases only dealt with the Civil Service and other branches of the Service.

**An Urgent Matter.**

Sir Hugh Clifford then suggested that the matter should be taken up before the arrival of Sir Herbert Stanley, but this was not possible.

As soon as the present Salaries Committee was appointed, the Secretary of State for the Colonies asked for the matter to be treated as urgent.

It is for these reasons that the Salaries Committee has decided to submit a report to Government immediately, in connexion with the salaries of the Governor and Colonial Secretary.

It is not the intention of the Committee to submit any interim reports to Government, but it is understood that any increases suggested by the Committee in their report in the case of other officers will be ante-dated.

The Committee has been inundated with memorials from the different branches of the Service, and its deliberations will consequently be prolonged.

All branches of the Service, except the Civil Servants, have asked for increases and it is quite likely that the majority of the Government servants will have their salaries raised.

**MEASURES AGAINST PIRATES.****PATROL BOATS PUT INTO COMMISSION.**

News has come to hand that small patrol boats recently put into service on the coasts of Fukien and Chekiang for the suppression of piracy, have successfully disturbed two nests of these brigands, says a Shanghai report.

A brief description of one of these cases has just come to hand and will no doubt provide pleasant reading for China coasters who have of late years suffered so severely at the hands of Chinese pirates.

It appears, from a radio-message, that on October 14 one of these small patrol boats whilst cruising off the coast gave chase to a suspicious looking craft and engaged her in running fight.

The pirates immediately made for the coast near which they abandoned their junk and made for the shore.

The junk was captured together with a large quantity of arms and ammunition and one notorious pirate was made prisoner.

These small patrol boats have recently been put into service by the Coastguard Administration, and we feel sure that all mariners on the coast will join us in wishing them many similar successes in their future career.

It is interesting to note that the Coastguard Service also operates the Pratas Shan Radio and Meteorological Station.

**JUDGE IN MOTOR ACCIDENT.****A KUALA LUMPUR MISHAP.**

Kuala Lumpur, Oct. 20.

Mr. Justice Acton was injured in a motor collision near the Lake, Seremban, on Tuesday evening. He was thrown from his car and sustained injuries which necessitated his removal to hospital. It was found that his injuries were not serious, but it will be a few days before he is able to resume his duties.

Mr. Justice Farrier-Manby proceeded from Kuala Lumpur to preside over the Seremban Assizes in place of Mr. Justice Acton.

**DAY BY DAY.**

The Typhoon is probably moving northward, states to-day's report of the Royal Observatory. Moderate monsoon may be expected over the N. China Sea. Forecast: "N. winds, moderate; fine."

The following ships were expected to be in wireless communication with Hongkong to-day: Sinkiang, President Jefferson, Tjikini, Tjikarang, Mongolia, Cremer, Bellero-phon, Kuelchow, Keemun, Osaka, Maru, Hakoza Maru, Panama Maru, Tsukwa Maru, Sado Maru, Cheian, West Sequana, Singapoo.

Six months' hard labour and twenty strokes was the sentence passed on a Chinese by Mr. R. E. Lindsell, at the Magistracy, this morning, for snatching a gold-mounted rattan bangle from the wrist of a child. The snatching took place in Wanchai Market during one of its busiest hours and although the defendant managed to elude his pursuers for a good distance, in the ensuing chase he was eventually caught by a Chinese detective.

The man who was charged with stealing wood from the premises of the Kowloon Go-down Company, at the junction of Canton and Peking Roads, Kowloon, and with assaulting a man who attempted to arrest him, with a hammer, was convicted by Mr. W. Schofield at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning. On the charge of theft he was fined \$50 or one month's hard labour, and on the second charge \$10 or 14 days. Detective Sub-inspector Dorling prosecuted.

**MOTOR-CAR FATALITY IN SINGAPORE.****UPLEASANT EXPERIENCE OF A VISITOR.**

In the Coroner's Court at Singapore, last week, before Lieut.-Col. Hopé-Falkner, an inquiry was commenced into the death of an unknown Chinese, who died from injuries sustained in a motor car accident the previous day.

Mr. E. Rake said that he was Chancellor of the German Consulate-General at Tientsin. At about 6.45 p.m. he was in a car going along New Bridge Road towards town. Just after the car had passed the Palace Gay Theatre the deceased suddenly darted across the road in front of the car. There was such a bump that witness came to the conclusion that the wheels of the car had passed over the body of the deceased.

When the car stopped witness got out, and went to the spot, and found the deceased lying face downwards on the road. He lifted him into the car and took him to the General Hospital, where the deceased died.

The case was postponed to allow the driver to give evidence.

**CARELESS WHARF COOLIES.****DANGER OF STANDING UNDER LOADED CRANES.**

The danger to which wharf coolies expose themselves in standing under loads being hoisted by ship's cranes had a sad illustration on Thursday afternoon of last week, at Singapore.

The crane from which were suspended cases of milk in process of unloading from the Indrapura, alongside East Wharf, had been swung over the ship's side when something went wrong. The cases fell, some 40 feet, to a spot where a number of Indian coolies were unconcernedly standing.

Two men were injured. One of them died on the way to hospital. For the other little hope of life is entertained.

**NANKING THRUST.**

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Yung, one of the Yangtsze river boats which sank at Nanking with 1,200 Chinese soldiers on board following an explosion and fire caused by the carelessness of the military. Other vessels of this company, while not having been total losses like the Kiang Yang, have nevertheless suffered greatly by being used as military transports, and, in addition, the crews have in most cases not been paid by the military nor have the latter borne the expense of running the vessels so commandeered, imposing a double loss upon the owners.

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